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June 19, 2012

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Mr. Dave Robinson, Manager  
Camp Mohaven  
18,744 Turkey Ridge Road  
Danville, Ohio 43014

**Re: Complaint Investigation – Dumping and Leaking Sewage Tank**

Dear Mr. Robinson:

During the mid-morning of June 12, 2012, Mike Sapp and I from Ohio EPA investigated a complaint that alleged that there was an area used for dumping at the camp and that there is a large hole in one of the sewage tanks that is leaking.

**Alleged Dump Area** – During the investigation you took us up to an area that has been used in the past to dump various items over the years. This area is located about 150 yards due east of the intersection of Turkey Ridge Road and Arnholt Road. You indicated that since you have been the camp manager for the past 2 years you have already taken steps to remove a good portion of the accumulation of debris that has been deposited in this area. Based upon my observations, not that much solid waste is actually remaining in this dump area. The debris is mostly some black film plastic, an old 5 gallon bucket, an old garden hose, and a bus seat. During our discussion you indicated that you could have the remaining items removed and properly disposed of within 30 days. I will return sometime the week of July 16, 2012 to verify that this remaining waste has been removed and properly disposed.

**Leaking Sewage Tank** – An inspection of the wastewater treatment facility indicated that a small area of subsidence, approximately 6-8 inches in depth, was present along the south wall of the aeration tank. The area appeared dry and did not appear to have been caused by a leak in the seam of the precast concrete wall at or near the water surface. An inspection of the plant perimeter did not reveal any seeps or wet areas that might be indicative of a leak in the aeration tank. We discussed a wet area on the ground near the girl's cabins and you attributed it to a groundwater seep or spring near the soil surface.

It was also observed that the aeration tank contained several square holes in the precast wall. These holes were pre-manufactured and used to set the precast concrete slabs in place. No evidence of sewage leaks or discharges were observed from the pre-manufactured holes. The permittee was recently issued a Permit to Install for the installation of a flow equalization basin and sludge holding tank to accommodate flows from the new shower house. Both you and the plant operator agreed to perform a visual inspection of the existing tank wall during the excavation and installation of the flow equalization tank.

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Thank you for both your time and cooperation during the complaint investigation. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (614) 728-3890, or by email at [phil.farnlacher@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:phil.farnlacher@epa.state.oh.us).

Sincerely,



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Division of Materials and Waste Management  
Central District Office

c: Nate Overholt, Knox County Health Dept.  
Mike Sapp, DSW, CDO  
CDO DMWM File

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Ohio EPA Photography Data – Camp Mohaven Dump Area - Danville – Knox County Photos  
Taken by Phil Farnlacher – Ohio EPA – CDO on 6/12/12



Not a lot of solid waste in the dump pile.



This portion is mostly black film plastic

