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Re: Mercer County  
Marion Local Schools  
NPDES Permit

July 24, 2009

Mr. Carl R. Metzger, Superintendent  
Marion Local School District  
7956 State Route 119  
Maria Stein, Ohio 45860

Dear Mr. Metzger:

On May 21, 2009, an inspection was made of the wastewater treatment facilities serving the Marion Local Schools located at 1901 State Route 716, Maria Stein, Mercer County. Mr. Larry Hemmelgarn was present and answered questions regarding the treatment plant operations.

In general, both operation and maintenance appeared good. All major treatment components were in operation and a clear effluent was observed. The aeration tanks were receiving an adequate amount of air and the mixed liquor had a healthy brown color. The sand filters were in good condition. An operator of record form is enclosed with this letter. If your operator has not already completed this form, please do so and submit to our Central Office.

Our review of your discharge monitoring reports covering the months of June 2006, through May 2009, for the wastewater treatment plant found violations of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are below.

Violation Date	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value
12/1/2006	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	3.0	4.27
6/1/2007	001	31616	Fecal Coliform	30D Conc	1000	2419.6
6/15/2007	001	31616	Fecal Coliform	7D Conc	2000	2419.6
8/1/2007	001	31616	Fecal Coliform	30D Conc	1000	2395.1

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8/22/2007	001	31616	Fecal Coliform	7D Conc	2000	2395.1
6/18/2008	001	50060	Chlorine, Total Residual	1D Conc	0.019	.13
12/1/2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	3.0	17.47
12/1/2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Qty	0.28	.66124
12/8/2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	4.5	17.47
12/8/2008	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Qty	0.42	.66124

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements, including adequate laboratory controls, appropriate quality assurance procedures, and records retention, as specified in Part III-General conditions of your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

If you have any questions, please call me at 419-373-3019.

Sincerely,

*Michelle Sharp*  
Michelle Sharp  
Environmental Specialist II  
Division of Surface Water

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