



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

**Northwest District Office**

347 North Dunbridge Road  
Bowling Green, OH 43402-9398

TELE: (419) 352-8461 FAX: (419) 352-8468  
www.epa.state.oh.us

Ted Strickland, Governor  
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor  
Chris Korleski, Director

Re: Mercer County  
The Fremont Company  
IDP Inspection

June 6, 2008

Mr. James Fox, Manager  
The Fremont Company  
802 N. Front Street  
Fremont, Ohio 43420

Dear Mr. Fox:

On February 6, 2008, an inspection was made of the pretreatment facilities serving The Fremont Company Rockford Plant. Mr. Jim Gibson and Ms. Debra Gibson were present and provided information and a tour of the facility. At the time of inspection, operations of the facility were good.

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring reports covering the months of July 1, 2007, through January 1, 2008. Our review indicates no violations of the limits established in your Indirect Discharge Permit; however, there are a significant number of frequency violations. During a phone call with you before the inspection you indicated that there was a misunderstanding about the permit sampling requirements, but that future sampling would be done correctly.

Our completed inspection report is enclosed for your records. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (419) 373-3019.

Sincerely,

Michelle M. Sharp  
Division of Surface Water

Enclosure

pc: ~~DSW-NWDO File - w/enclosures~~  
Julia Zhang, DSW, CO - w/enclosures  
Jim Gibson, Plant Manager, The Fremont Company Rockford Plant -  
w/enclosures



# PRETREATMENT INSPECTION REPORT

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

FACILITY NAME <b>The Fremont Company Rockford Plant</b>	PERMIT NUMBER <b>2DP00082</b>	FACILITY NUMBER
INSPECTION TYPE <b>P</b>	INSPECTOR <b>M.Sharp</b>	FACILITY TYPE <b>2</b>
		DATE CONDUCTED <b>10/16/2007</b>

<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>
NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY <b>The Fremont Company Rockford Plant 150 Hickory Street Rockford, Ohio 45882</b>
MAILING ADDRESS OF FACILITY <b>The Fremont Company 802 North Front Street Fremont, Ohio 43420</b>
CONTACT (NAME/TITLE/PHONE) <b>Mr. Jim Gibson / Plant Manager / 419-363-2924 Ext. 108</b>

<b>FACILITY EVALUATION</b>													
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory NE = Not Applicable)													
<table border="1"> <tr> <td>NA</td> <td>Pretreatment</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>Site/Facility Review</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	NA	Pretreatment	S	Site/Facility Review			<table border="1"> <tr> <td>S</td> <td>Chemical Storage</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M</td> <td>Self Monitoring</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	S	Chemical Storage	M	Self Monitoring		
NA	Pretreatment												
S	Site/Facility Review												
S	Chemical Storage												
M	Self Monitoring												
* See inspection letter													

Names(s) and Signature(s) of Inspector(s)	Agency / Office / Telephone	Date
Michelle Sharp	Ohio EPA/NWDO/419-373-3019	
<i>Michelle Sharp</i>		6-10-08
Signature of Reviewer		Date
<i>Elizabeth A. Wick</i>	Ohio EPA/NWDO/419-373-3002	2/25/08
Elizabeth A. Wick, P.E.		

## INDUSTRIAL USER INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Facility:	The Fremont Company Rockford Plant	Date of inspection: January 6, 2008
OH Number:	OHP000226	IDP Number: 2DP00082
Facility Representative:	Mr. Jim Gibson & Ms. Debra Gibson	Inspector(s): Ms. Michelle Sharp

### COMPLIANCE

1. Date of last pretreatment inspection: December 12, 2006
  
  2. Has the facility been in compliance with its permit limits since the last inspection? Y  
If no, explain:
  
  
  3. Is the facility in compliance with all other requirements? Y  
Sampling procedures Y  
Reporting (late reporting, failure to report, etc) Y  
Compliance schedules N  
Submitted BMR and 90 day compliance reports NA  
Any other requirements NA
- If any of the above five answers is no, explain:  
A report detailing the evaluation of actions needed to achieve compliance with permit limits was due January 1, 2008 and has not been received; however, Mr. Jim Fox has schedule a meeting with the NWDO for February 25, 2008.
4. Was the facility required to perform any actions as a result of the last inspection? Y  
Explain any unresolved actions:

### FACILITY OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

5. Number of Employees: 50
6. Shifts/Day: 3 Shifts
7. Production Days/Year: 250
8. Hours/shift: 8 Hour
9. Any production changes since the last inspection? N  
If yes, explain:
  
10. General facility description and operations:  
Food processing plant (tomato ketchup and BBQ sauce), heated cooking & packaging, and warehousing.
11. Any change in materials used in production since the last inspection? N  
If yes, explain:
  
12. Any expansion or production increase expected within the next year? N  
If yes, explain:

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT**

13. Provide a schematic diagram and description of the wastewater treatment system:
14. Was a PTI issued for the treatment system? NA
15. Were there any modifications to the treatment system since the previous inspection? N  
If yes, was a PTI obtained? NA  
PTI Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_
16. What is the treatment mode of operation? NA  
If batch, list the frequency and duration:
17. Who is responsible for operating the treatment system? NA
18. How often is the treatment system checked? NA
19. Is there an alarm system for the system? NA  
Explain: High level and air pressure alarm
20. Is there an operations and maintenance manual? NA
21. Is an inventory of critical spare parts maintained? NA  
If yes, list:
22. Are there any bypasses in the system? N  
If yes, describe the location:
- Have bypasses occurred since the last inspection? NA
- Was the POTW notified? NA

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT CONTINUED**

23. Are residuals or sludges generated?

N

Method of disposal:

Frequency and amount of disposal:

Name of hauler/landfill/disposal facility:

Is any sludge generated subject to RCRA regulations?

NA

If land applying sludge, is there a sludge management plan?

NA

**PROCESS AND WASTEWATER INFORMATION**

24. List all processes generating wastewater, current wastewater flows, and where applicable, production rates as well as values on which the permit limits are based:

REGULATED PROCESS	SAMPLE LOCATION	WASTEWATER FLOW (GPD)		PRODUCTION DATA (SPECIFY UNITS)	
		Permit	Current	Permit	Current
1. East		47000	47000		
2. West		8300	8300		
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					
<b>Total Regulated Process Flow</b>		55300	55300		
Non-contact Cooling					
Blowdown					
Boiler Condensate		40% of	East Flow		
Demineralizer Regeneration					
Filter Backwash					
Compressor Condensate					
Storm Water					
Other Dilute Flows					
<b>Unregulated Flows (provide list)</b>					
Sanitary		50 People	2 Sanitary Lines		
<b>TOTAL FLOW</b>					

25. For the above flows not discharged to the POTW, list point of discharge and permit (if any).

**SELF MONITORING**

26. Sample location(s) described in the facility's permit: East Manhole & West Manhole
27. Is the facility sampling at the location(s) described in the permit? Y  
If no, describe the actual location:
28. Is the location(s) where the facility is sampling representative? Y  
If no, indicate a representative location:
29. Is the flow measured or estimated? Measured  
If measured, how often is the meter calibrated? Once per Quarter  
  
If estimated, describe method of estimation:
30. Is pH monitored continuously? N  
If yes, how often is the meter calibrated?
31. Does the facility collect its own samples? Y  
If no, specify the sample collector:
32. Are appropriate sampling procedures followed?  
Monitoring frequencies Y  
Sample collection (grab for pH, O&G, CN, phenols, VOCs, hexavalent chromium) Y  
Flow proportioned samples Y  
Proper preservation techniques Y  
Sample holding times Y  
Chain-of-custody forms Y
33. Are samples analyzed in accordance with 40 CFR 136? Y
34. Laboratory conducting analyses: Jones and Henry

**TOXICS MANAGEMENT**

35. Are any listed toxic organics used in the facility?  
If yes, identify organics: N
36. Does the facility have a current toxic organic management plan(TOMP)?  
If yes, is it being implemented? NA  
NA
37. Has the facility had any uncontrolled releases or spills to the POTW since  
the previous inspection? If yes, please explain: N
38. Does the facility need a spill prevention plan or slug discharge control plan?  
If yes, does the facility have a written plan? N  
NA
39. Identify any potential slug load or spill areas:

**REQUIRED FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS**

Violation Date	Reporting Code	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Expected	Reported
07/01/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	1/Month	1	0
07/01/2007	50060	Chlorine, Total Residu	1/Month	1	0
07/01/2007	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	1/Month	1	0
07/01/2007	00630	Nitrite Plus Nitrate,	1/Month	1	0
07/01/2007	00550	Oil and Grease, Total	1/Month	1	0
07/01/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
07/01/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	1/Month	1	0
07/01/2007	50060	Chlorine, Total Residu	1/Month	1	0
07/01/2007	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	1/Month	1	0
07/01/2007	00630	Nitrite Plus Nitrate,	1/Month	1	0
07/01/2007	00550	Oil and Grease, Total	1/Month	1	0
07/01/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
07/15/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
07/15/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
07/29/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
07/29/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
08/01/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	1/Month	1	0
08/01/2007	50060	Chlorine, Total Residu	1/Month	1	0
08/01/2007	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	1/Month	1	0
08/01/2007	00630	Nitrite Plus Nitrate,	1/Month	1	0
08/01/2007	00550	Oil and Grease, Total	1/Month	1	0
08/01/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	1/Month	1	0
08/01/2007	50060	Chlorine, Total Residu	1/Month	1	0
08/01/2007	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	1/Month	1	0
08/01/2007	00630	Nitrite Plus Nitrate,	1/Month	1	0
08/01/2007	00550	Oil and Grease, Total	1/Month	1	0
08/12/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
08/12/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
08/26/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
08/26/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
09/01/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	1/Month	1	0
09/01/2007	50060	Chlorine, Total Residu	1/Month	1	0
09/01/2007	00630	Nitrite Plus Nitrate,	1/Month	1	0
09/01/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	1/Month	1	0
09/01/2007	50060	Chlorine, Total Residu	1/Month	1	0
09/01/2007	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	1/Month	1	0
09/01/2007	00630	Nitrite Plus Nitrate,	1/Month	1	0
09/01/2007	00550	Oil and Grease, Total	1/Month	1	0
09/01/2007	00550	Oil and Grease, Total	1/Month	1	0
09/01/2007	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	1/Month	1	0
09/09/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
09/09/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
09/23/2007	00530	Total Suspended Solids	1/2Weeks	1	0
09/23/2007	80082	CBOD 5 day	1/2Weeks	1	0
09/23/2007	00056	Flow Rate	1/2Weeks	1	0
09/23/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
09/23/2007	00530	Total Suspended Solids	1/2Weeks	1	0
09/23/2007	80082	CBOD 5 day	1/2Weeks	1	0
09/23/2007	00402	pH, Minimum	1/2Weeks	1	0
09/23/2007	00056	Flow Rate	1/2Weeks	1	0
09/23/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
09/23/2007	00402	pH, Minimum	1/2Weeks	1	0

Violation Date	Reporting Code	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Expected	Reported
10/01/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	1/Month	1	0
10/01/2007	50060	Chlorine, Total Residu	1/Month	1	0
10/01/2007	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	1/Month	1	0
10/01/2007	00630	Nitrite Plus Nitrate,	1/Month	1	0
10/01/2007	00550	Oil and Grease, Total	1/Month	1	0
10/01/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	1/Month	1	0
10/01/2007	50060	Chlorine, Total Residu	1/Month	1	0
10/01/2007	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	1/Month	1	0
10/01/2007	00630	Nitrite Plus Nitrate,	1/Month	1	0
10/01/2007	00550	Oil and Grease, Total	1/Month	1	0
10/07/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
10/07/2007	00530	Total Suspended Solids	1/2Weeks	1	0
10/07/2007	80082	CBOD 5 day	1/2Weeks	1	0
10/07/2007	00402	pH, Minimum	1/2Weeks	1	0
10/07/2007	00056	Flow Rate	1/2Weeks	1	0
10/07/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
10/21/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
10/21/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
11/01/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	1/Month	1	0
11/01/2007	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	1/Month	1	0
11/01/2007	00630	Nitrite Plus Nitrate,	1/Month	1	0
11/01/2007	00550	Oil and Grease, Total	1/Month	1	0
11/01/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	1/Month	1	0
11/01/2007	50060	Chlorine, Total Residu	1/Month	1	0
11/01/2007	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	1/Month	1	0
11/01/2007	00550	Oil and Grease, Total	1/Month	1	0
11/01/2007	00630	Nitrite Plus Nitrate,	1/Month	1	0
11/01/2007	50060	Chlorine, Total Residu	1/Month	1	0
11/04/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
11/04/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
11/18/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
11/18/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
12/01/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	1/Month	1	0
12/01/2007	50060	Chlorine, Total Residu	1/Month	1	0
12/01/2007	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	1/Month	1	0
12/01/2007	00550	Oil and Grease, Total	1/Month	1	0
12/01/2007	50060	Chlorine, Total Residu	1/Month	1	0
12/01/2007	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	1/Month	1	0
12/01/2007	00630	Nitrite Plus Nitrate,	1/Month	1	0
12/01/2007	00550	Oil and Grease, Total	1/Month	1	0
12/01/2007	00630	Nitrite Plus Nitrate,	1/Month	1	0
12/01/2007	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	1/Month	1	0
12/02/2007	00530	Total Suspended Solids	1/2Weeks	1	0
12/02/2007	80082	CBOD 5 day	1/2Weeks	1	0
12/02/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
12/02/2007	00530	Total Suspended Solids	1/2Weeks	1	0
12/02/2007	80082	CBOD 5 day	1/2Weeks	1	0
12/02/2007	00402	pH, Minimum	1/2Weeks	1	0
12/02/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
12/02/2007	00402	pH, Minimum	1/2Weeks	1	0
12/02/2007	00056	Flow Rate	1/2Weeks	1	0
12/02/2007	00056	Flow Rate	1/2Weeks	1	0
12/16/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0
12/16/2007	00340	Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/2Weeks	1	0