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January 27, 2010

RE: WILLIAM WASSON, OWNER
DBA RIDGE VIEW ESTATES
PERMIT NO. 3PW00034
ASHTABULA COUNTY

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. William Wasson
Ridge View Estates
P.O. Box 356
North Kingsville, Ohio 44068

Dear Mr. Wasson:

On January 21, 2010, an inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. No one was present during the inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the treatment system along with the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the above referenced National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

During the inspection, the following items were noted:

1. The plant design of the wastewater treatment system is 10,000 gpd.
2. The blowers were running and the plant was receiving good aeration.
3. The flow equalization tank was being aerated.
4. The contents of the aeration tank were medium brown in color and no foam was present.
5. The sludge return line was functioning properly. However the discharge was clear. The sidewalls of the settling tank may need to be scraped down.
6. The skimmer return line was functioning properly and returning clear water. The skimmer was properly adjusted.
7. The settling tank was free of floating solids.
8. The weir in the settling tank was covered with solids. The weir should be scraped down and kept free of solids.
9. The condition of both the baffle and weir in the settling tank appeared to be severely deteriorated. This should be evaluated.
10. The weir was only overflowing on one side and did not appear to be level. This would prevent the solids from properly settling. This should also be evaluated.
11. One surface sand filter bed was not in operation. This bed was free of vegetation and had new filter media placed in it. The condition of the bed was well maintained.

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12. The other surface sand filter bed appeared to be plugged and draining very slowly. A layer of sludge was observed on the filter media. There was also evidence that this bed had overflowed the sidewalls and discharged into the drainage area between the surface sand filter beds and the wastewater treatment system. See Figures 1 and 2. Flow should be switched over to the other sand filter bed immediately.
13. The chlorination/dechlorination vault was being aerated.
14. The final effluent being discharged was clear and appeared to be of satisfactory visual quality.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009 for the referenced facility. **Our review indicates no limit or frequency violations.**

Please notify this office in writing within 14 days receipt of this letter your intentions to address items 8, 9, 10, and 12. This letter should include dates either actual or proposed.

Please be advised that such instances of noncompliance may be cause for enforcement actions pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at (330) 963-1143.

Respectfully,



Michael W. Stevens
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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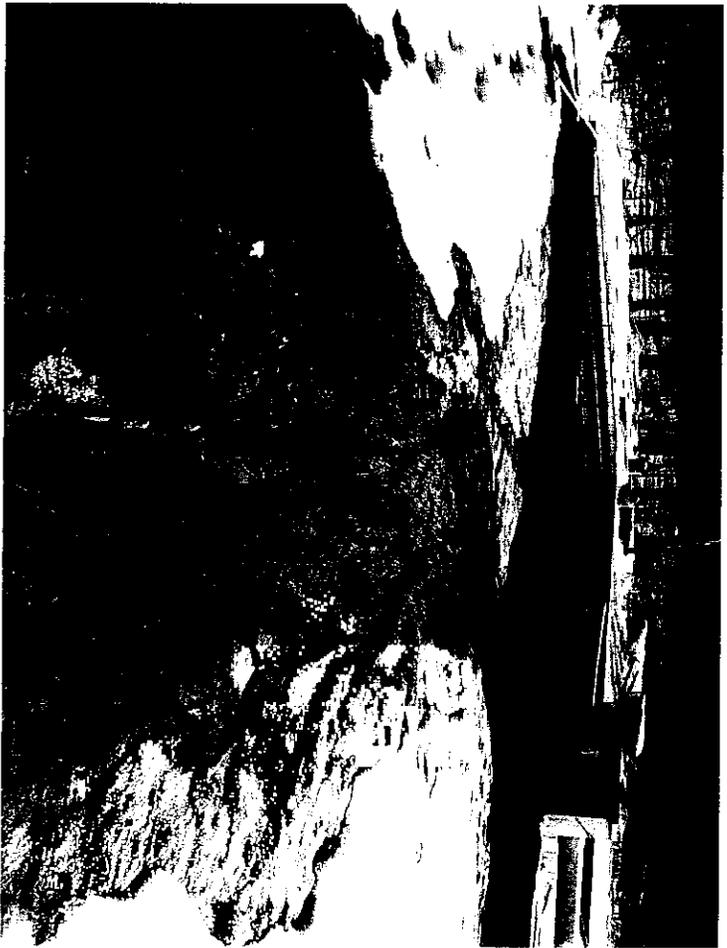


Figure 1

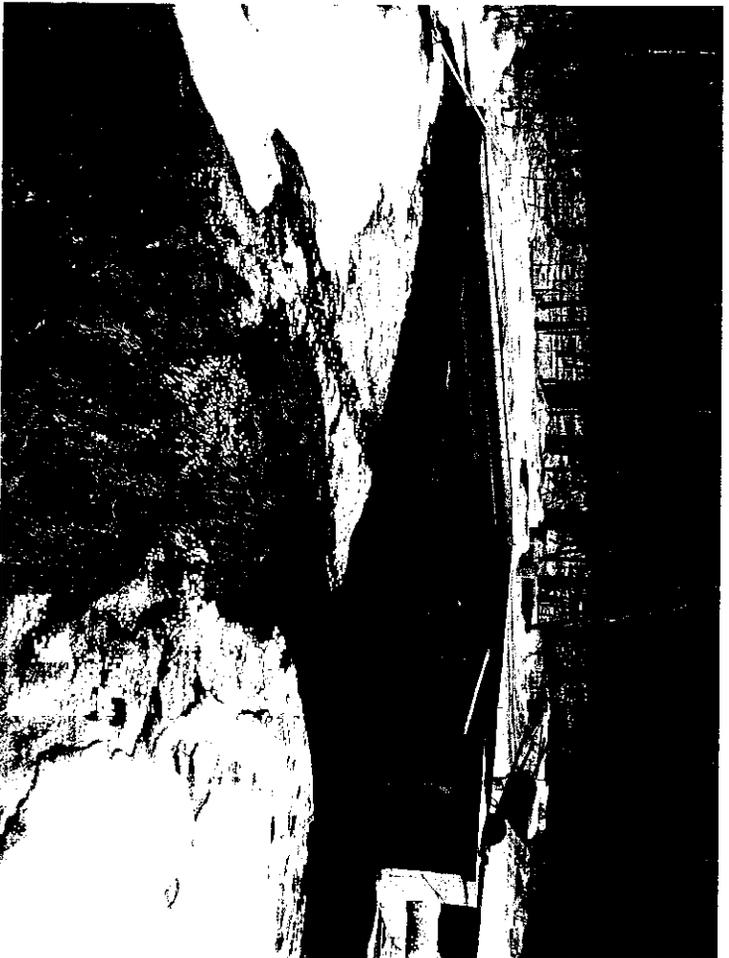


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