



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
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July 6, 2011

RE: NORTH KINGSVILLE SHOPPING CENTER
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3PR00254
NORTH KINGSVILLE VILLAGE, ASHTABULA
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION

Mr. Chris Wolf, Owner
North Kingsville Shopping Center
8209 Proctor Road
Leroy, OH 44077

Dear Mr. Wolf:

On June 29, 2011, a site inspection was conducted at the above referenced facility at 6285 South Main Street (State Route 193), North Kingsville Village, Ashtabula County. The inspection was conducted by John Schmidt of this office. No one represented North Kingsville Shopping Center. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit in conjunction with the renewal of said permit. The last compliance inspection was conducted on November 3, 2010.

Observations

Following are observations made during the inspection:

1. The plant is noted as having grass and weeds two to three feet high within the plant area. Weeds and grass should be mowed as a safety measure and to ensure that plant components can be properly inspected and to minimize spreading vegetation into the sand filters and tanks.
2. The aeration tank has been partitioned with aeration occurring in a portion of the tank.
3. Ohio EPA notes that you have a new tenant, a lawnmower dealer, occupying a part of the plaza. No waste oils, solvents, or other industrial wastes are permitted to be discharged to the plant. Any floor drains from this new tenant must be sealed to ensure that industrial wastes do not flow to the plant.
4. The content of the aeration tank was dark brown in color and had a septic odor. Sludge returns were returning clear water.
5. The surface of the clarifier was clear, and the skimmer was operating. Effluent channels were reasonably clean. The sides of the clarifier must be scraped down to direct sludge back to the aeration tank. The tank was noted as below grade in places, allowing surface water to enter the tank. Soils should be sloped away from WWTP tanks.

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6. The dosing tank pumps were cycled and found in operable condition. The alarms appear operational.
7. Rapid sand filters were found in unacceptable condition. The east filter had grass and weeds over two feet high, and was in use. Due to the size of the weeds in the sand beds, it is apparent that the beds have not been cleared of vegetation in some time. When the dosing pumps were cycled, the effluent discharged to the sand filter during the inspection was clear and free of color and turbidity.
8. The UV system appears to be operating as designed.
9. The final outfall was not evaluated due to a lack of flow.

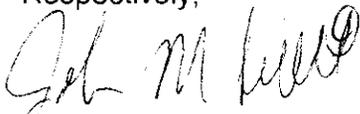
NPDES Permit Compliance Review

A review of the electronic discharge self-monitoring reports (eDMRs) received by Ohio EPA for the period November 1, 2010 through June 1, 2011 indicates no effluent or reporting violations. However, according to annual sludge reports submitted, it appears that sludge has not been removed from this facility in many years. Please verify if this is accurate.

Please inform this office, in writing, within 30 days of the date of this letter as to the actions we discussed that have been or will be taken to correct the above noncompliance or explanations if you believe the noncompliance issues noted are in error. Your response to this letter should include the dates that the actions have been or will be completed. Please be advised that past or present issues of noncompliance can continue as subjects of future enforcement actions by Ohio EPA.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this notification, please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1175.

Respectively,



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