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RE: WHISPERING WILLOW MHC  
PERMIT NO. 3PV00084  
ASHTABULA COUNTY

Mr. Steve Ureel, General Partner  
4 MHC Associates Limited Partnership  
1120 N. Main Street  
Rochester, MI 48307

Dear Mr. Ureel

On October 15, 2008, an inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. The facility was represented by Marlene Knopnider. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the treatment system along 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/discussed:

1. The plant design of the wastewater treatment system is 20,000 gpd.
2. The blowers were running and the plant was receiving good aeration.
3. The contents of the aeration tank were medium brown in color and no foam was present.
4. The sludge return line was functioning properly.
5. **The skimmer was not functioning properly. The level of the skimmer should be adjusted.**
6. One surface sand filter bed was not in operation and was drying. The other surface sand filter bed which was in operation was covered with vegetation. The sludge and vegetation should be removed from the beds and properly disposed at a licensed solid waste landfill.
7. Once the sludge layer and vegetation is removed in the surface sand filter beds, additional filter media may be required. In general 18 inches of approved filter sand is necessary. Any filter sand that is used must meet the requirements of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-42-09. More specifically, for conventional surface sand filters, filter sand shall be washed and free of silt; have an effective size of 0.4 mm to 1.0 mm; and have a uniformity coefficient less than 3.0.
8. The chlorination unit dispensing tube was adequately stocked with tablets.
9. The dechlorination unit dispensing tube was empty.
10. The plant was not discharging.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period December 1, 2006 through September 30, 2008 for the referenced facility. Our

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review indicates violations of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of non-compliance are as follows:

### Limit Violations

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	50060	Chlorine, Total Residue	1D Conc	0.019	.2	8/2/2007

### Frequency Violations

Violation Date	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Expected	Reported
8/15/2007	001	50060	Chlorine, Total Residue	1/2Weeks	1	0
1/1/2008	001	00400	pH	1/Week	1	0
1/8/2008	001	00400	pH	1/Week	1	0
1/15/2008	001	00400	pH	1/Week	1	0
1/22/2008	001	00400	pH	1/Week	1	0
2/1/2008	001	00400	pH	1/Week	1	0
2/8/2008	001	00400	pH	1/Week	1	0
2/15/2008	001	00400	pH	1/Week	1	0
2/22/2008	001	00400	pH	1/Week	1	0
7/8/2008	001	00400	pH	1/Week	1	0
7/22/2008	001	00400	pH	1/Week	1	0

Please be advised that such instances of non-compliance 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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