Environmental
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Director

July 29, 2011

RE: GREAT LAKES MEDIEVAL FAIRE
OHIO EPA PERMIT 3PR00457
TRUMBULL TWP, ASHTABULA COUNTY
COMPLIANCE INSPECTION FOLLOWUP

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Mr. Larry Rickard, Owner
Great Lakes Medieval Faire
P.O. Box 376
Rock Creek, Ohio 44084

Dear Mr. Rickard:

On May 12, 2011, a site inspection was conducted at the above referenced facility at 3033 State Route 534, Trumbull Township, Ashtabula County. The May 12, 2011 inspection was conducted by John Schmidt of this office and I spoke with Cindy Hotchkiss and Beth Sacerich, representing Great Lakes Medieval Faire (GLMF) prior to and after conducting the inspection. A May 16, 2011 certified letter was sent to your attention, but was returned to Ohio EPA unclaimed. Therefore, on June 22, 2011, another inspection was performed primarily to hand-deliver the May 16, 2011 letter. A June 27, 2011 certified letter was sent to your attention, but was also returned to Ohio EPA unclaimed. The June 22, 2011 inspection was also conducted by John Schmidt of this office and I spoke with Beth Sacerich and George Bosley, representing GLMF prior to and after conducting the inspection. The May 16, 2011 letter was left with Beth Sacerich.

The plant was found in better condition than the May 2011 inspection; however serious problems remain at this facility, in particular the lack of a licensed operator, lack of disinfection, lack of necessary upgrades, and lack of submission of data to Ohio EPA for this facility. In addition to responding to the May 16, 2011 letter, please also verify the dates that the restroom facilities and any other sources tributary to this wastewater plant are being used by your staff and contractors. In addition to this information, please also provide reports summarizing any sewage sludge disposal, use, storage, or treatment activities during the previous calendar year. The reports are required even if no sludge was removed. Ohio EPA's files reflect that Great Lakes Medieval Faire has never submitted this report since the NPDES permit was issued in 2008. Please submit the report to Chris Moody of this office as prescribed by your NPDES permit.

Please inform this office, in writing, by August 12, 2011 as to the actions we discussed that have been or will be taken to correct the above noncompliance and noncompliance noted in the May 16, 2011 letter 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. Also please contact this office as soon as possible to schedule a meeting at this office to discuss noncompliance. Please be advised that past or present issues of noncompliance can continue as subjects of future enforcement actions by Ohio EPA.

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If Ohio EPA does not receive a written response to this letter by the date noted above, Ohio EPA Northeast District Office will refer this matter for enforcement.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this inspection, please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1175 or my supervisor, Virginia Wilson, at (330) 963-1180.

Respectively,

John M. Schmidt P.E., R.S.
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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