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RE: ASHTABULA COUNTY
GREAT LAKES MEDIEVAL FAIRE
PERMIT NO. 3PR00457

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

Dear Mr. Rickard:

On July 8, 2008, a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) was conducted at the Great Lakes Medieval Faire wastewater treatment plant by the undersigned. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the plant for compliance with the above NPDES permit.

The inspection noted that the plant was operating and appeared to be functioning properly. However, the sand filters have a lot of biological growth that needs to be addressed. It is recommended that a fabric filter be used to prevent the growth, but still allow the wastewater to pass through.

A review of the monitoring reports for the facility shows that they have not been submitted since February of 2008 when the permit was approved. Therefore, the facility is in violation of the NPDES permit.

Based on the foregoing information, Great Lake Medieval Faire is considered to be in **significant noncompliance** and discharging illegally to waters of the state and; therefore, subject to enforcement actions. Such actions can result in fines of up to \$10,000 per day of violation.

Please inform this office, in writing, within 10 days from the date of this notification as to the actions that will be taken to return the facility to full compliance. Include in the letter the dates of operation of the facility since it is not operated year round.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this notification, please contact me at (330) 963-1180.

Respectfully,

Virginia Wilson, P.E.
Geological Engineer
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