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December 23, 2008

RE: GRAND VALLEY COUNTRY MANOR
PERMIT NO. 3PR00232
ASHTABULA COUNTY
WINDSOR TOWNSHIP

CERTIFIED MAIL

Ms. Candy Winston, Administrator
Grand Valley Country Manor
5165 State Route 322
Windsor, Ohio 44099

Dear Ms. Winston:

On November 26, 2008, 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 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. Evidence that the trash trap has backed up in the past was present.
2. The blowers were running and the plant was receiving good aeration.
3. The contents of the aeration tank were light brown / grayish in color. Some white foam was also present. A medium brown color is more typical of a properly operating plant.
4. The flow equalization tank was being aerated.
5. A minimal amount of solids build-up was present on the weirs in the settling tank. The weirs need to be scraped down.
6. Solids build-up was present behind the baffle in the settling tank. These solids should be removed and properly disposed.
7. The sludge return lines and skimmer return lines were functioning properly. However, one sludge return line was running clear.
8. The surface sand filter beds were free of vegetation.
9. The final effluent being discharged was clear and appeared to be of satisfactory visual quality.
10. **Flow was reported in gallons per day for the months of June and July. The permit requires flow to be reported in million gallons per day, MGD. This has resulted in false loading violations below for these months. The flow data should be resubmitted for these months to eliminate these false violations.**

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This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period April 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are as follows:

Limit Violations

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	3.0	5.32	4/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	4.5	5.32	4/1/2008
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	1.7	4/1/2008
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	1.7	4/10/2008
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	1.8	4/17/2008
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	2.	4/24/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.0	8.4	5/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	1.5	8.4	5/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Qty	0.08	.22256	5/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Qty	0.11	.22256	5/1/2008
001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	12.	5/1/2008
001	50060	Chlorine, Total Residue	1D Conc	0.019	.18	5/6/2008
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	2.4	5/6/2008
001	50060	Chlorine, Total Residue	1D Conc	0.019	2.06	5/13/2008
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	13.	6/1/2008
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	0.91	318848.	6/1/2008
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Qty	1.4	318848.	6/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.0	3.82	6/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	1.5	3.82	6/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Qty	0.08	93692.3	6/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Qty	0.11	93692.3	6/1/2008
001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Qty	0.80	41695.5	6/1/2008
001	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Qty	1.14	41695.5	6/1/2008
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	3.9	6/5/2008
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	5.6	6/10/2008
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	5.9	6/17/2008
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	0.91	46146.7	7/1/2008
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Qty	1.4	46146.7	7/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Qty	0.08	6460.54	7/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Qty	0.11	6460.54	7/1/2008
001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Qty	0.80	25380.6	7/1/2008
001	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Qty	1.14	25380.6	7/1/2008
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	5.1	7/22/2008
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	5.6	8/5/2008
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	5.1	8/26/2008

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Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.0	2.21	9/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	1.5	2.21	9/1/2008
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	5.7	9/2/2008

Frequency Violations

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Expected	Reported	Violation Date
001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/29/2008
001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/29/2008
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/29/2008
001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/03/2008
001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/03/2008
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/03/2008
001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/04/2008
001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/04/2008
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/04/2008
001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/08/2008
001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/08/2008
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/08/2008
001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/19/2008
001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/19/2008
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/19/2008
001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/22/2008
001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/22/2008
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/22/2008
001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/23/2008
001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/23/2008
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/23/2008
001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/24/2008
001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/24/2008
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/24/2008
001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/30/2008
001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/30/2008
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	09/30/2008

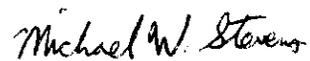
Please inform this office in writing, within 15 days receipt of this letter, your intentions to bring the facility back into compliance. Your response should include a description of the actions taken or proposed along with dates for completion of the actions.

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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael W. Stevens".

Michael W. Stevens
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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