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April 23, 2007

RE: GEAUGA COUNTY
HAMB DEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NPDES# 3PT000060*AD
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION

Mr. Dana Stearns, Manager of Operations
Chardon School District
428 North Street
Chardon, OH 44024

Dear Mr. Stearns:

This letter is to notify you that the referenced NPDES permit is expired, and you must take immediate action to apply for a new permit. Also, on April 10, 2008, I conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the Hambden Elementary School Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Your previous permit became effective on March 1, 2001, and it expired on February 28, 2006. Since March 1, 2006, you have discharged treated wastewater to the environment in violation of the Federal Clean Water Act without a permit. Enclosed you will find necessary forms to complete an application for a new permit. Alternatively, you may find the forms on our Web site:

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us//dsw/permits/npdesform.html>

You must complete the forms and forward them to this office with a check for \$200 payable to Treasurer, State of Ohio.

A review of plant performance as shown in monthly operating reports from January 1, 2007, through January 1, 2008, revealed only a few permit discharge violations (see attachments).

I inspected the facility with you and your contract operator, Larry. We observed a septic odor emanating from the equalization tank and from the aeration tank. Larry observed solid covers on the equalization tank serving to confine the odors. You and he decided to remove the covers in an attempt to dissipate the odors rather than concentrate them.

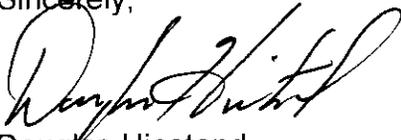
The plant was producing an apparently acceptable quality effluent. The flow equalization pumps and the flow divider were operating and the flow was of good color. The aeration tank had a good roll, and the clarifier showed evidence of careful operation and maintenance.

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The two surface sand filters were functioning effectively with a seasonal accumulation of solids on one filter partially plugging the sand. When the solids are removed, they are apparently piled near the edge of the sand. This is not suitable handling of this material. The removed solids should be immediately placed in a dumpster for disposal in a licensed solid waste landfill.

Please take actions to correct deficiencies and notify this office by May 12, 2008, and contact me directly at (330) 963-1260 to discuss any comments or questions you may have regarding this inspection.

Sincerely,



Douglas Hiestand
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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enclosure

cc: Helen Hayes, Geauga County Health Department
B & J Environmental, Inc.