



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

Ted Strickland, Governor
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November 22, 2010

RE: GEAUGA COUNTY
MUNSON TOWNSHIP
DEBORD PLUMBING & HEATING CO, INC.
DBA BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PLUMBING
CEI/NOTICE OF VIOLATION
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3PR00516

Ms. Leona Kratochvil, President
Debord Plumbing & Heating
12043 Mayfield Road
Chardon, OH 44024

Dear Ms. Kratochvil:

On November 18, 2010, a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) was conducted at the wastewater treatment plant serving Benjamin Franklin Plumbing. According to our files, a Permit to Install had been issued by Ohio EPA on August 19, 1976 for the wastewater treatment system. At that time, the site housed a 100 seat restaurant. Currently the building houses Benjamin Franklin Plumbing with a maximum of 25 transient workers and 12 office staff. The treatment system consists of a 10,000 gpd extended aeration plant, a 1000 gallon dosing chamber, a 434 square foot surface sand filter, and a 570 gallon chlorine contact tank. The plant discharges to an unnamed tributary to Butternut Creek.

During the inspection, the plant was running. The mixed liquor in the aeration tank and the clarifier appeared to be orange brown in color, rather than the appropriate chocolate brown color. This office is wondering the reason for the strange color; was there painting or something going on that day at the facility? Half of the extended aeration plant appeared to be receiving inadequate air supply. The surface sand filters contained no dried solids, but contained some grass and weeds. One side of the surface sand filter was missing its concrete splash pad. The disinfection tank appeared to be clear of any visible solids.

Your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination (NPDES) permit became effective on August 1, 2010. Upon review of our computer database, it was noted that no monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) have been submitted to Ohio EPA as is required by your NPDES permit. Monitoring data required by this permit shall be submitted on Ohio EPA 4500 Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) forms using the electronic DMR (e-DMR) Internet application. E-DMR allows permitted facilities to enter, sign, and submit DMRs on the Internet. Please see the following Web page:

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<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/edmr/eDMR.aspx>

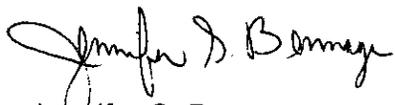
For e-DMR, the person signing and submitting the DMR will need to obtain an eBusiness Center account and personal Identification Number (PIN). For questions pertaining to e-DMRs and obtaining a PIN, please contact Mr. Jamie Roberts of Division of Surface Water at (614) 644-2054.

Please note that failure to submit this effluent quality data constitutes a violation of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit, and therefore is subject to enforcement actions. Such actions can result in fines of up to \$10,000 per day of violation. Ohio EPA would like to resolve these violations prior to commencing an enforcement action.

Also, please see Part II in your NPDES permit, entitled "Operator Certification Requirements." Per your permit, you are required to hire a wastewater treatment plant operator with a minimum Class A certification. Please complete and submit the enclosed Operator of Record Form as soon as possible.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact this office at (330) 963-1151.

Sincerely,



Jennifer S. Bennage
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

cc: Jamie Roberts, Ohio EPA, DSW, CO