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January 20, 2010

RE: ROBIN INDUSTRIES
ELASTO-TEC DIVISION
HOLMES COUNTY
3PR00211

Mr. Troy Voltz
Robin Industries-Elasto-Tec Division
P.O. Box 287
3500 State Route 39
Berlin, Ohio 44610

Dear Mr. Voltz:

On January 13, 2010 this writer along with Megan Talcott, DSW, NEDO, conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of your sanitary sewage treatment facility. You were present during the visit. Below you will find a summary of the inspection:

- 1) The plant was being properly aerated.
- 2) Snow covered the plant making it hard to observe below the grates.
- 3) Solids were observed in the weir trough for the clarifier.
- 4) Solids were observed coating the north half of the surface sand filter.

Pictures are attached for your reference.

A review of your compliance history for the time period of October 2008 through November 2009 indicates the following violations:

Numeric Violations

Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	21.	2/1/2009
001	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	0.0682	.18115	2/1/2009
001	Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc	18	21.	2/12/2009
001	Total Suspended Solids	1D Qty	0.103	.18115	2/12/2009

Frequency Violations

None.

We recognize that there has been only one violation event listed above, which is an improvement over previous years. However, past inspections of this plant have consistently noted solids leaving the clarifier and being deposited on the sand filters.

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This leads to the question as to why. During a review of your monthly data for the past 3 years, it was noted that sludge has not been removed from the treatment system. Is it because the solids are being removed at the sand filter? If the solids are being consistently removed at the sand filter, please monitor the sand beds to ensure that the top 18 inches of approved sand are maintained.

If you should have any questions, feel free to contact this writer at (330) 963-1136.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phil Rhodes".

Philip P. Rhodes, P. E.
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