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June 25, 2008

RE: GEAUGA COUNTY  
PLANK ROAD TAVERN  
NPDES PERMIT COMPLIANCE INSPECTION  
PERMIT #3PR00192\*BD

*File  
Seyville  
Montville  
Plank Road  
Tavern*

Mr. Martin Lustig  
7541 Dewey Road  
Thompson, OH 44086

Dear Mr. Lustig:

On June 17, 2008, I conducted an inspection of the referenced wastewater treatment and disposal system. The purpose of the inspection is to determine compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit referenced above, and issued under the Federal Clean Water Act. This report discusses current NPDES permit compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act and Ohio Revised Code 6111.

The enclosed table of concentration and load limit permit violations shows 7 violations of limits on total suspended solids and nitrogen ammonia. A review of submitted data shows 12 reported values of 0 for Chlorine. The reports also show flow rate reported as 12, 50, 100, or 180 during the entire period reviewed. The "Failure to Report" table shows that Chlorine and Fecal Coliform were not even reported in May, July, September, and October of 2007. All-in-all, there were 172 failure to report violations in the review period. These failures to report are violations, and you are subject to enforcement action, as are the permit limit violations. Ohio Revised Code 6111 provides penalties of \$25,000 per day per violation. This adds up to a huge potential liability.

Please explain these failures to report and the reporting of identical values from month to month. Please describe planned actions to bring your plant and your reporting into compliance with your permit.

This plant showed signs of overloading and a need for added attention to careful operation and maintenance. Blowers for aeration were operating, and the aeration tanks were rolling, but there is a septic odor. The sand filters were both cleaned and raked and functioning. You must take immediate action to alleviate the cause of the septic odors.

A safety issue that you should address is the rusted, caved in, and unsecured tank gratings. This condition places the public at risk of falling into the tanks resulting in serious injury and death. You may wish to install a fence around the tanks to protect the public and avoid interference with plant operation.

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Please take action to resolve the issues of this inspection report as identified above, and notify this office in writing within 30 days of corrective actions taken or planned to bring your wastewater treatment plant into compliance.

Please 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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Enclosures

cc: Helen Hayes, Geauga County Health Department

File: Semi/Geauga/Montville/Plank Road Tavern