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RE: *Scanned from
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GEAUGA COUNTY
PLANK ROAD TAVERN
NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL INSPECTION
PERMIT #3PR00192*BD

Mr. Martin Lustig
7541 Dewey Road
Thompson, OH 44086

Dear Mr. Lustig:

On September 22, 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, to support renewal of your permit. This report discusses current NPDES permit compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act and Ohio Revised Code 6111.

A review of your Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR's) for June, July, and August of this year shows only one violation of permitted pollutant concentrations; that being the 30-day limit for ammonia with a limit of 1.0 mg/l, and a reported value of 1.46.

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. The sand filters were both cleaned and raked and functioning.

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 possibly 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.

You should receive a draft version of your renewal permit before your current permit expires in August 2009. 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

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