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March 31, 2008

RE: GEAUGA COUNTY
ASM INTERNATIONAL
NPDES 3PR00245*AD (Expired)
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION

Mr. William Kornbau, Director
ASM International
9639 Kinsman Road
Materials Park, Ohio 44073

Dear Director Kornbau:

This letter is to notify you again, that your NPDES permit is expired, and you must take action to apply for a new permit. Also, on March 13, 2008, I conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the ASM International Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Your previous permit became effective on July 1, 2000, and it expired on June 30, 2005. Since June 1, 2005, 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. 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 no serious permit discharge violations.

Because I was there at noon, I was not able to contact anyone to accompany me through the plant. 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 and odor. The aeration tank and the clarifier showed evidence of careful operation and maintenance.

The two surface sand filters were functioning slowly due to a seasonal accumulation of solids partially plugging the sand. When the solids are removed, they are apparently piled near the edge of the sand and eventually just over the filter walls. 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 noted in this letter by May 1, 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
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