

**Environmental
Protection Agency**

Ted Strickland, Governor
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June 15, 2010

RE: AMISH FURNITURE CO.
WASTEWATER TREATMENT
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3PR00466

Mr. Freeman Byler, Manager
Amish Furniture Co.
6075 CR 207
Millersburg, OH 44654

Mr. Byler:

On May 11, 2010, this writer, along with Kraig Bucklew of the Holmes County Health Department, conducted a compliance evaluation inspection (CEI) of the wastewater treatment system. The intent of the inspection was to evaluate operations and maintenance of the system and to review the compliance status relative to the NPDES Permit.

Following are observations made during the inspection.

1. At the time of the inspection, the mixed liquor in the aeration tank was a light brown color. The color is indicative that the plant is organically under loaded.
2. The pressure release valves associated with each blower were not functioning. The frozen valves were possibly causing the flexible connectors to tear due the excessive pressure in each line. If not already completed, the valves must be immediately replaced and properly set to regulate the air pressure in each line and to deliver the proper amount of oxygen to the aeration tank.
3. A line from the dosing tank to the sand filters was broken and discharging wastewater to the surface of the ground when the pump station was activated. If not already completed, the transfer pipe must be immediately repaired.
4. The surface sand filter beds were in need of cleaning.
5. It is unknown how the laboratory analyzes wastewater for BOD₅. Be advised that if the BOD₅ sample is collected after disinfection, the sample must be seeded prior to starting the 5-day test. This should be discussed with your laboratory to ensure that proper procedures are being used for BOD₅ analysis.

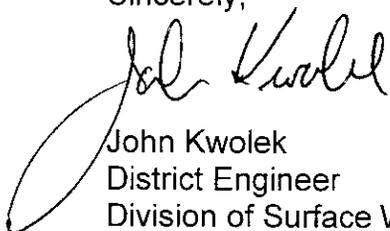
The self-monitoring reports covering the period May 2009 through May 2010 were reviewed for compliance with the NPDES Permit. Following are violations recorded throughout the review period.

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Reporting Period	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
June 2009	Nitrogen, Ammonia	30D Conc	1.0	2.58	6/1/2009
June 2009	Nitrogen, Ammonia	7D Conc	1.5	2.58	6/15/2009

You may contact this writer at (330) 963-1251 or at john.kwolek@epa.state.oh.us to discuss any questions you may have regarding the inspection report.

Sincerely,



John Kwolek
District Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Kraig Bucklew, Holmes County Health Department

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