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July 12, 2007

RE: HOLMES COUNTY  
MECHANIC TOWNSHIP  
YODER LUMBER  
7100 C.R. 407  
NPDES #3PR00402

Mr. Tom Nelson, Director of Safety  
Yoder Lumber/Buckhorn Division  
7100 C.R. 407  
Millersburg, OH 44654

Dear Mr. Nelson:

On July 10, 2007, this office conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the wastewater treatment system serving the above referenced facility. Present during the inspection were this writer and Kraig Bucklew of the Holmes County Health Department.

At the time of the inspection, the mixed liquor in the aeration tank had a light color, and it appears the system is organically under loaded. The weir in the settling tank needs to be leveled, and the bolt holes in the side of the weir must be plugged. The pipe from the dosing chamber to the surface sand filter has a break, and must be repaired (See Figure 1).

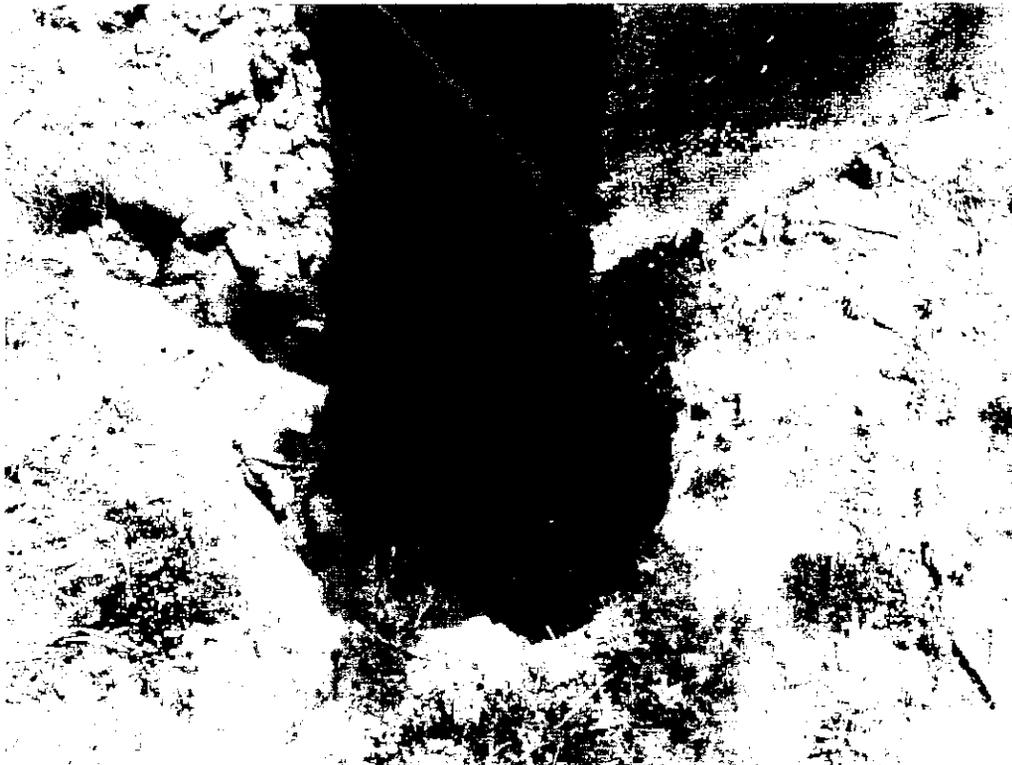


Figure 1 – Line from dosing chamber to sand filter.

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The contents of the chlorine contact tank were cloudy. A tablet dechlorinator still must be added to the treatment system. Overall, the plant was in marginal operation and maintenance condition.

Included with this letter is a list of effluent violations covering the period October 2006 through May 2007. Many of the deficiencies cited in this letter were noted in previous inspection letters. You are directed to correct these deficiencies, and notify this office in writing when they have been completed.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact this office at (330) 963-1197.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kraig Bucklew, Holmes County Health Department

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