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April 15, 2008

RE: HOLMES COUNTY
RIPLEY TOWNSHIP
PRAIRIE HOUSE APARTMENTS
NPDES 3PW00035

Mr. Chris Steiner
P.O. Box 312
Shreve, OH 44676

Dear Mr. Steiner:

On April 8, 2008, this office conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the wastewater treatment plant 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 sewage treatment system was producing what appeared to be a satisfactory quality effluent. The mixed liquor in the aeration tank had a light brown color. The sludge return was returning clear water. The sides of the clarifier need to be scraped so that solids are returned to the aeration tank. The contents of the clarifier were cloudy. It was also noted that air was leaking into the clarifier adjacent to the scum baffle. See attached photo.

The distribution box preceding the surface sand filter is leaking and must be repaired. The contents of the chlorine contact tank were clear.

A review of your self monitoring reports covering the period June 2007 through March 2008 revealed the following effluent violations:

Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
June 2007	001	Chlorine, Total Residu	1D Conc	0.019	2.2	6/1/2007
June 2007	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	2.27	6/1/2007
August 2007	001	Chlorine, Total Residu	1D Conc	0.019	.27	8/1/2007
August 2007	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	2.73	8/1/2007

The NPDES permit for this facility became effective on September 1, 2005. The Schedule of Compliance in the permit requires upgrades to your treatment system. Detail plans of the upgrades were to be submitted to this office by January 1, 2006. To date, these plans have not been received. The upgrades were to be completed by September 1, 2006. Therefore, you are in noncompliance with your NPDES permit.

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You are directed to immediately obtain the services of a Professional Engineer to submit a permit-to-install application to this office for the upgrades required by the NPDES permit.

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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Air leaking into clarifier.



Sand filter distribution box.