



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

Ted Strickland, Governor  
Lee Fisher, Lt. Governor  
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October 21, 2010

RE: WOODLAND INN  
OHIO EPA PERMIT 3PR00327  
WASHINGTON TWP., HOLMES COUNTY  
COMPLIANCE INSPECTION EVALUATION

Mr. David R. Cogar  
The Woods, LLC  
P.O. Box 964  
Wooster, OH 44691

Dear Mr. Cogar:

On October 19, 2010, a site inspection was conducted at the above referenced facility at 13550 State Route 226, Washington Township, Holmes County. The facility is owned by The Woods, LLC and operated by Kevin Dean of Dean's Backflow Service. The inspection was conducted by John Schmidt of this office as well as Kraig Bucklew and Vaughn Anderson of the Holmes County Health Department. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The last compliance inspection was conducted on October 29, 2008.

The system consists of a trash trap, aerated equalization tank, extended aeration system with clarifier, dosing chamber, surface sand filtration, chlorine disinfection, and dechlorination. Sludge management consists of sludge removal from an aerated sludge holding tank when needed to another POTW. The facility discharges to an unnamed tributary to Odell Lake northwest of the facility. No backup power is provided to the facility, however the facility is provided with alarms.

**Observations**

The following observations were made during the inspection.

1. The design flow of the extended aeration plant is 1,600 gallons per day. The extended aeration plant operates on a timer, with the sand filter operating on a float system in the dosing tank. The plant was not discharging at the time of the inspection.
2. The content of the aeration tank had a slight earthy odor, chocolate brown color with good mixing. The blowers were running and the plant was receiving sufficient aeration. The plant color and aeration is an indicator of a properly operating aeration system.
3. The surface of the clarifier was clear. Effluent channels and weirs were in reasonable condition. The sludge return lines were operating properly at the time of the inspection. The skimmer was not operating at the time of the inspection, and only skims when the plant is attended, at the instruction of the Holmes County Health Department.
4. Surface sand filters had an accumulation of vegetation and is in need of weeding and raking (see attached pictures). The dosing pumps discharge to the filters when enough water accumulates to pump. The pumps were tested and found operable. Vegetation should be removed on an as-needed basis. Vegetation should be removed as a part of ongoing operations and maintenance.

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5. Chlorination and dechlorination systems were stocked with appropriate chemicals and operating at the time of the inspection. The tank contents were clear.
6. The final discharge pipe at the unnamed tributary to Odell Lake east of the plant was not observed due to a lack of flow.
7. Ohio EPA understands that Kevin Dean of Kevin's Backflow Service monitors the facility, and performs the routine sampling and submission of the electronic discharge monitoring report (eDMR) through Ohio EPA's Web-based application.

#### **NPDES Permit Compliance Review**

Woodland Inn WWTP operates under Permit 3PR00327\*BD. A review of the electronic discharge self-monitoring reports (eDMRs) received by Ohio EPA for the period October 1, 2008 through October 1, 2010 indicates apparent noncompliance of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit as identified below:

#### **Limit Violations**

The following limit violations were noted for the reporting period reviewed:

<b>Station</b>	<b>Reporting Code</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Limit Type</b>	<b>Limit</b>	<b>Reported Value</b>	<b>Violation Date</b>
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	3.0	3.44	3/1/2009
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.0	5.66	8/1/2010
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	1.5	5.66	8/15/2010
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	3.0	5.53	3/1/2010
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	4.5	5.53	3/1/2010

#### **Reporting Violations**

No reporting code or reporting frequency violations were noted for the reporting period reviewed.

These effluent limit violations should be explained, along with measures to ensure that they are not repeated.

If you feel some of Ohio EPA's reporting records are in error, you may wish to reenter this information through the eDMR system or mail your data to Ohio EPA DSW central office and request that the data be entered on your behalf. Ohio EPA's eDMR support staff may also be available to assist you in this matter. E-mailing questions to [James.Roberts@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:James.Roberts@epa.state.oh.us) is the quickest way to get a response if you have a specific question with the eDMR program or how to make corrections to what is reported in the eDMR program.

#### **Compliance Schedule Violations**

No compliance schedule violations were noted for the reporting period reviewed.

Based on the above information, The Woods, LLC is considered to be in substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of its NPDES permit for its Woodland Inn; however the above items must be addressed.

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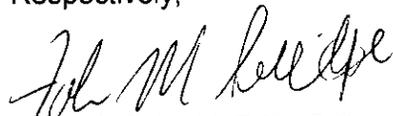
**Comments**

Operator of Record Designation - Pursuant to Part II, Item A of your NPDES permit, the wastewater treatment works must be under the supervision of a Class I State Certified Operator as required by OAC 3745-7-02. Ohio EPA understands that The Woods, LLC contracts with Dean's Backflow Services as its operator of record. An examination of Ohio EPA's records indicates that no operator of record is designated for this facility. I have attached an operator of record form which must be completed and returned to Ohio EPA.

**Please inform this office, in writing, within 30 days of the date of this letter as to the actions we discussed that have been or will be taken to correct the above noncompliance or explanations if you believe the noncompliance issues noted are in error. Your response to this letter should include the dates that the actions have been or will be completed. Please be advised that past or present issues of noncompliance can continue as subjects of future enforcement actions by Ohio EPA.**

If you have any questions or comments regarding this inspection, please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1175.

Respectively,



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Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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att: Operator of Record Notification Form, rev 02/2008

pc: Kraig Bucklew, Holmes County Health Department  
Kevin Dean, Dean's Backflow Service

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Vegetation accumulation in North Sand Filter



Vegetation accumulation in South Sand Filter