

**Environmental  
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August 1, 2011

RE: GUGGISBERG SWISS VALLEY INN  
OHIO EPA PERMIT 3PR00164  
BERLIN TOWNSHIP, HOLMES COUNTY  
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION

Mr. Eric Guggisberg, Owner  
Guggisberg Swiss Valley Inn  
P.O. Box 1  
Charm, OH 44617

Dear Mr. Guggisberg:

On July 26, 2011, a site inspection was conducted at the above referenced facility at 5025 State Route 557, Berlin Township, Holmes County. The inspection was conducted by Dean Stoll, John Schmidt and Pam Korenewych of this office, and Kraig Bucklew of the Holmes County Health Department. You represented Guggisberg Swiss Valley Inn during the inspection. 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 July 14, 2010.

**Observations**

The following observations were made during the inspection.

1. New flow equalization tanks, additional aeration tanks, and an ultraviolet disinfection system have been installed since the last compliance inspection. These modifications were completed in September 2010.
2. The content of the aeration tank had a slight earthy odor, chocolate brown color with good mixing. The blowers and alarms were cycled and found in operating condition with the plant 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 good 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.
4. Surface sand filters were reasonably clean and operable. The dosing pumps and alarms were cycled and found operable. The discharge to the sand beds was clear and water freely percolated through the beds.

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5. The ultraviolet disinfection system was inspected and found in operable condition.
6. The final discharge pump station was observed in working condition.
7. The final discharge pipe to the roadside ditch along State Route 557 and ultimately Doughty Creek west of the plant was not observed due to a lack of flow.
8. Ohio EPA understands that you are a Class A operator and perform the daily operations at the WWTP. You further stated that Kevin Dean of Kevin's Backflow Service also 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**

A review of the electronic discharge self-monitoring reports (eDMRs) received by Ohio EPA for the period July 1, 2010 through July 1, 2011 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:

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	30D Conc	1000	6100.	7/1/2010
001	50060	Chlorine, Total Residual	1D Conc	0.019	.07	7/6/2010
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	7D Conc	2000	6100.	7/8/2010
001	50060	Chlorine, Total Residual	1D Conc	0.019	.11	7/13/2010
001	50060	Chlorine, Total Residual	1D Conc	0.019	.09	7/20/2010
001	50060	Chlorine, Total Residual	1D Conc	0.019	.07	7/27/2010
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	30D Conc	1000	5400.	9/1/2010
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	7D Conc	2000	5400.	9/8/2010

Ohio EPA acknowledges that Guggisberg Swiss Inn obtained a permit-to-install (PTI) No. 71577, for plant improvements associated with the installation of a 40-seat restaurant on June 19, 2009. The improvements include a new 1,000 gallon flow equalization tank, a 1,020 gallon aeration tank, aerated sludge holding tank, and replacement of the existing chlorination/dechlorination disinfection system with an ultraviolet disinfection system. The improvements were completed in September 2010, and no additional limit violations have been noted since these improvements were installed. No additional information is needed to respond to the violations.

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Reporting Violations

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

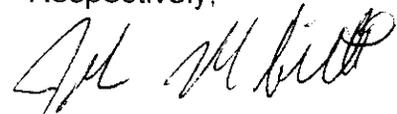
Ohio EPA notes numerous reporting frequency violations related to color, odor, turbidity during this review period which are not summarized individually. These violations appear to be a failure to take daily readings of color, odor, and turbidity on days that the WWTP is not visited by your contract operator. During the July 14, 2010 inspection, we spoke about the need to collect this information. With the renewal of your permit, the frequency was changed to once weekly for these parameters. No additional information is required to respond to these violations.

Compliance Schedule Violations

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

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

Respectively,



John M. Schmidt P.E., R.S.  
Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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pc: Kraig Bucklew, Holmes County Health Department

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