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June 13, 2008

RE: LAKE COUNTY
KIRTLAND
SEMERANO MONUMENTS
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3PR00460
APPLICATION NO. OH0139653

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Ms. Palmina Semerano
10347 Chardon Road
Chardon, OH 44024

Dear Ms. Semerano:

On June 11, 2008, this writer conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) that serves Semerano Monuments. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the WWTP's operation and maintenance condition, and to evaluate the facility's compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit effluent limits.

At the time of plant inspection, the blowers were shut off and the plant was not operating. The plant grounds were in poor condition. Be advised that the discharge of untreated or partially treated sewage to waters of the state is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 6111 that is subject to enforcement action. Enforcement action may include a monetary penalty. **You are required to immediately turn "ON" the plant.** The plant must remain operational at all times.

The NPDES permit program is a self-monitoring program that authorizes entities to discharge limited amounts of pollutants to waters-of-the-state. The NPDES permit has pollutant discharge limits for both concentration and mass loading. The NPDES permit requires the chemical and biological analyses of the discharge effluent on a regular basis. The data obtained from the analyses are electronically reported to this Agency. Wastewater treatment plants must be operated by a state certified wastewater treatment plant operator. NPDES permits are effective for five years, after which renewal of the NPDES permit is required. The cost for renewing an NPDES permit is \$200. For more information regarding the Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, NPDES Permit Program, please refer to our Web site at www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw.

During our telephone conversation on June 12, 2008, you stated that the building has been open for business since March 12, 2008. You also stated that you do not have an Ohio licensed operator as the operator of record for the wastewater treatment plant. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 3745-07-02, you are required to have an operator of record to oversee the technical operation of the wastewater treatment plant.

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According to Part II of your existing NPDES permit, the operator must have a Class I Wastewater Treatment license. Please refer to the following Web site for a list of wastewater and water treatment operators: www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/opcert.html.

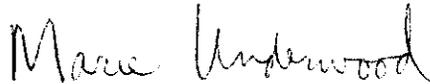
A review of our records reveals that you have not submitted Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) since having the NPDES permit transferred under your name on January 16, 2008. Each month, DMRs must be submitted to the Central Office of Ohio EPA.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations or to satisfy the monitoring or reporting requirements of your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111.

Within 10 days of the date of this letter, you are directed to notify this office, in writing, outlining the corrective action, either actual or proposed, that will be taken to eliminate the above highlighted deficiencies.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact this writer at (330) 963-1183.

Sincerely,



Marie Underwood, P.E.
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures: Copy of NPDES Permit
Ohio EPA Guidance Document for Extended Aeration Plants