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Re: Van Wert County  
Cooper Farms Cooked Meats  
NPDES Permit

November 3, 2009

Mr. Brad Alspaugh  
Maintenance/Projects Engineer  
Cooper Farms Cooked Meats  
6793 U.S. 127  
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

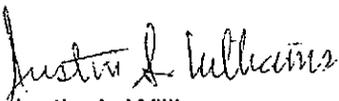
Dear Mr. Alspaugh,

This letter is in reference to our inspection on October 8, 2009. You, Mr. Greg Cooper, and Mr. Hank Dues were present and provided information regarding the facility. The facility is located at 6793 U.S. 127, Hoaglin Township.

At the time of inspection, all required treatment units were in service and the discharge from the controlled discharge lagoon system had a weak brown/red tint with some white foam. No solids were noticed in the discharge and the color dissipated shortly downstream. As a reminder, Part III, Section 2C of your NPDES permit states that, "The effluent shall be, at all times free of substances in amounts that will alter the natural color or odor of the receiving water to such a degree as to create a nuisance." While the color did not appear to be causing a nuisance, as it dissipated quickly after discharge, you may want to identify the source of color and try to eliminate or treat it to prevent a possible nuisance instance later.

Enclosed is a completed inspection report detailing our observations during the inspection. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (419) 373-3022.

Yours truly,

  
Justin A. Williams  
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

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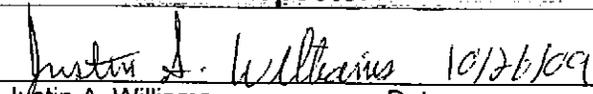
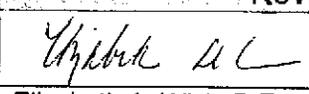
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NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding					
Permit #	NPDES#	Month/Day/Year	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
2IH00110	OH0132772	10/08/2009	C	S	2

Section B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Cooper Farms Cooked Meats 6793 U.S. 127 Van Wert, OH 45891	11:00 am	January 1, 2009
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	11:45 am	December 31, 2013
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representatives		Phone Number(s)
Greg Cooper – Plant Manager Brad Alspaugh – Maintenance/Projects Engineer Hank Dues – Facility Manager		(419) 238 – 1587
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official		Phone Number
Brad Alspaugh – Maintenance/Projects Engineer Cooper Farms Cooked Meats 6793 U.S. 127 Van Wert, OH 45891		(419) 238 – 1587

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection					
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)					
S	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment
N	Records/Reports	N	Laboratory	N	Compliance Schedule
S	Operations & Maintenance	M	Effluent/Receiving Waters	S	Self-Monitoring Program
S	Facility Site Review	N	Sludge Storage/Disposal	N	Other
S	Collection System				

Section D: Summary of Findings (Attach additional sheets if necessary)	
Cell #1: Aerated – water was a brown color with tan foam – turbid Cell #2: Not aerated – water was a brown color – turbid – some tan colored floating scum Cell #3: Inlet is aerated, outlet is not – water was pink/red color with some white foam – turbid Cell #4: Aerated in one corner – light brown/red tint – slightly turbid – white foam around aerator  Discharge: Weak brown/red tint, dissipates shortly downstream – some white foam – no solids noticed	
Inspector	Reviewer
 Justin A. Williams Environmental Specialist II Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office	 Elizabeth A. Wick, P.E. Water Quality Engineer Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office
Date 10/26/09	Date 10/30/09