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Re: Van Wert County
Village of Ohio City WWTP
Sludge Correspondence

November 24, 2009

Mr. Jeff Krugh, Wastewater Superintendent
Village of Ohio City
P.O. Box 248
Ohio City, OH 45874

Dear Mr. Krugh,

On August 19, 2009, Andrew Gall, Justin Williams and Elizabeth Wick conducted an inspection of the Village of Ohio City Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). You were present and provided information on sludge operations and record keeping. The inspection included a walk through the plant, a review of the sewage sludge records, to determine compliance with Ohio's Sewage Sludge Rules, Chapter 3745-40 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Sewage sludge treatment consists of a Spiragester and two sludge drying beds. The Village stopped land applying sewage sludge a few years ago after molybdenum levels in the sludge exceeded 75mg/kg. An investigation was conducted to find the source of molybdenum, but was not successful. Therefore, the Village now hauls the sludge to the landfill for disposal once per year. The amount hauled is documented using the landfill receipts and weigh tickets.

It was also noted that the small stockpile of sewage sludge that was outside of the plant fence during our last inspection had been removed and hauled to the landfill.

Overall, Ohio City's sludge disposal program appeared to be in compliance with Ohio's Sewage Sludge Rules OAC 3475-40, which can be found on the internet at (http://www.epa.state.oh.us/portals/35/policy/01_28u_nc.pdf). If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Andrew Gall at (419) 373-3003 or via email at andrew.gall@epa.state.oh.us

Sincerely,

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