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RE: LAKE COUNTY
MADISON TWP.
SANDS TRAILER PARK
NPDES PERMIT NO. OH0133566
OEPA PERMIT NO. 3PV00114

David Ungers
Sands Trailer Park
5245 North Ridge Road
Madison, OH 44057

Dear Mr. Ungers:

On July 29, 2009, a compliance evaluation inspection of the sewage treatment plant serving the Sands Trailer Park was conducted by this office. 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 the inspection, the plant effluent contained no foam, debris or oil and grease.

The following observations were noted:

- The aeration tank mixed liquor is high in solids.
- Sludge was on the surface of the settling tank. The sludge blanket was high. The sludge wasting rate may need adjusting.
- The north filter bed was in use. The south bed contained an excessive amount of dried sludge on its surface.
- The chlorinator contained chlorine tablets, as required.
- The plant does not have dechlorination facilities.

Despite the fact that the plant discharge to waters of the state was to have been terminated, Ohio EPA continues to receive Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs). A review of the DMRs covering the period of April 2008 through March 2009 revealed no effluent limitation violations at Interim-Final Outfall 001. No DMRs have been received for April, May or June of 2009.

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Mr. Ungers, you continue to be in violation of the NPDES permit for failure to meet the terms and conditions of the permit. The existing NPDES permit contains a schedule of compliance for eliminating the discharge by connecting to the publicly owned sanitary sewer by April 1, 2005. The abandonment of the plant and connection to the public sanitary sewer has not occurred. Public sanitary sewers are available and accessible on Townline Road. The plant is illegally discharging to waters of the state. As stated in this writer's previous letters, you are in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-33-08 which states:

...whenever the sewage system of a publicly owned treatment works becomes available and accessible, the permittee operating any semi-public disposal system shall abandon the semi-public disposal system and connect it into the publicly owned treatment works.

The violation of OAC 3745-33-08 is subject to enforcement action, including a possible monetary penalty.

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

Sincerely,



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