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May 29, 2008

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

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

Dear Mr. Ungers:

On May 21, 2008, 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 was producing an effluent of satisfactory visual quality in that there was no evidence of foam, debris or oil and grease.

The following observations were noted:

- The aeration tank mixed liquor is high in solids.
- The settling tank content was turbid. Balls of grease and some sludge were evident on the surface of the tank. Balls of grease were blocking parts of the effluent weir.
- The north filter bed was ponded with an excessive amount of sludge that was being dried out. The south filter bed was in use and contained an excessive amount of sludge on the filter bed surface.
- The chlorinator contained chlorine tablets, as required.
- The plant does not have dechlorination facilities.

Despite the fact that the plant discharge was to be abandoned, Ohio EPA continues to receive Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs). A review of the DMRs covering the period of April 2007 to March 2008 reveals that the monthly effluent limitation for ammonia at Interim-Final Outfall 001 was exceeded, as follows:

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00610	Ammonia	30-day ave.(conc)	1.0 mg/l	1.1 mg/l	8/07

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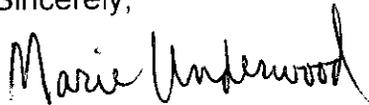
You are in violation of the NPDES permit for failure to meet the terms and conditions of the permit. The existing NPDES permit contains a schedule of compliance for eliminating the discharge by connecting to the publicly owned sanitary sewer by April 1, 2005. The abandonment of the plant and connection 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,



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

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