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July 27, 2007

RE: LAKE COUNTY
MADISON TOWNSHIP
YOGI'S PLACE
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3PR00201
APPLICATION NO. OH0126021

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Mr. Jim Tylec
33631 Fox Run Drive
Ashtabula, OH 44004

Dear Mr. Tylec:

On July 12, 2007, this writer conducted an inspection of the wastewater treatment plant that serves Yogi's Place. The tavern is served by an extended aeration plant with filtration and disinfection. The average daily design flow of the plant is 1,400 gallons per day (gpd).

At the time of inspection, the plant was producing an effluent free of oil & grease, solids or debris. The following observations were made:

- The mixed liquor suspended solids was weak. The plant is underloaded.
- The settling tank wastewater was turbid. Some sludge was floating on the surface of the tank. Sludge and algae were blocking the effluent weir. The return sludge rate may need adjusting. The sludge and algae should be removed from the effluent weir.
- The east sand filter bed was ponded with vegetation and sludge. The west filter bed had some vegetation on its surface. Once the east filter bed drains, any sludge, vegetation and solids laden sand on the surface of the bed must be removed. The same must be removed from the western bed. Assurances must be made that 18 inches of Ohio EPA approved filter sand exists in the beds. Approved filter sand has an effective size of 0.4 - 1.0 mm and a uniformity coefficient that does not exceed 3.0. The sand must be raked and evenly distributed across the surface area of the filter beds.
- Chlorine tablets and dechlorination tables were present in the chlorinator and dechlorinator, respectively.
- The chlorine contact chamber and effluent lift station had vegetation growing inside. Any vegetation or sludge in the chlorine contact chamber and effluent lift station should be removed.
- The sludge holding tank contained a high level of what appeared to be water. This water should be hauled to ensure there is no spillover.

The above highlighted deficiencies should be immediately addressed.

A review of the Monthly Operating Reports covering May 2007 and June 2007 revealed the following effluent limitation violations:

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia, NH3	30D Conc	1.0	20.02	5/1/2007
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia, NH3	30D Qty	0.01	.02417	5/1/2007

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Code	Reporting Point	Parameter	Unit	Limit	Value	Analysis Date
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia, NH3	7D Conc	1.5	20.02	5/8/2007
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia, NH3	7D Qty	0.01	.02417	5/8/2007
001	00400	pH	1D Conc	6.5	5.6	5/10/2007

The frequency violations for the same time period are as follows:

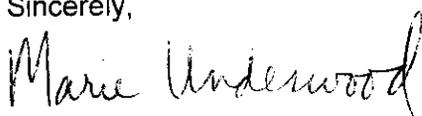
Violation Date	Code	Parameter	Frequency	Exceeded	Reported	
5/1/2007	001	00400	pH	1/Week	1	0
5/15/2007	001	00400	pH	1/Week	1	0

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.

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 3745-7-09, effective December 21, 2006, this Agency requires the owner and operator of record of a wastewater treatment plant to maintain operation and maintenance records for the wastewater treatment plant. The records shall be housed on site and shall be accessible for twenty-four hour inspection. Some of the information that must be recorded includes the identification of the treatment works, date and times of arrival and departure for the operator of record, specific operation and maintenance activities that affect the quality or quantity of sewage or effluent produced, results of tests performed and samples taken, performance of preventative maintenance and repairs, and identification of the persons making the entries. Please review the administrative code carefully for information on all requirements.

Please inform this office, in writing, within ten days of receipt of this notification as to the reasons for the above referenced violations, as well as a description of the actions taken or proposed to prevent any further violations. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for completion of the actions.

Should you have any 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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