



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

July 12, 2011

RE: LAKE COUNTY
MADISON TOWNSHIP
NORTHRIDGE LANES
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3PR00285
APPLICATION NO. OH0129771
EXPIRATION DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

Mr. Calvin Brown
P.O. Box 8
Dorset, Ohio 44032

Dear Mr. Brown:

On July 1, 2011, this writer conducted a compliance and evaluation inspection of the wastewater treatment plant serving Northridge Lanes. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the wastewater treatment plant's operation and maintenance condition, and to evaluate the facility's compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit effluent limits.

Northridge Lanes has been closed for several years. The wastewater treatment plant is not in operation and is in a state of disrepair. According to the Discharge Monitoring Reports submitted to this agency, there has been no discharge to waters of the state since October 2006. If ever the building re-opens, the wastewater treatment plant will have to be upgraded to meet the current design criteria of Ohio EPA.

The NPDES permit will expire September 30, 2011. Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-33, a renewal NPDES permit must be submitted 180 days prior to the expiration date of the existing NPDES permit. A renewal application has not been submitted to this office.

If you choose to maintain an NPDES permit even though the plant is not discharging to waters of the state, the renewal application must be submitted to this office immediately. If you choose to no longer maintain an NPDES permit because the building has been closed for several years, and you do not foresee re-opening the building any time soon, you may request the revocation of the NPDES permit.

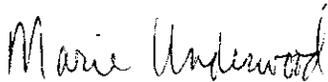
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If an NPDES permit is revoked, and a facility owner wishes to re-apply for an NPDES permit at a later date, the applicant must go through the Antidegradation Rule procedures, as found in Ohio Administrative Code 3745-1-05. When the Antidegradation Rule applies, issuance of an NPDES permit is not guaranteed. The applicant must follow specific steps to show that a no other alternative to discharging to waters of the state is available, cost effective and technically feasible. The applicant must provide a preferred design alternative, a non-degradation alternative, minimal degradation alternative and mitigative techniques/measures. This office would recommend obtaining the services of an engineering consultant to aid an applicant in furnishing the information needed for an Antidegradation Rule submittal.

As stated previously, you are required to either submit a renewal NPDES permit application or notify this office, in writing, of your desire to revoke the NPDES permit.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (330) 963-1183.

Sincerely,



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

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