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September 21, 2007

RE: LORAIN COUNTY  
OBERLIN TWP.  
A-1 CONSTRUCTION APTS.  
(45445 S.R. 20)

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Mr. Richard House  
17600 Pitts Rd.  
Wellington, OH 44090

Dear Mr. House:

On September 11, 2007, a compliance inspection was conducted on the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) serving the A-1 Construction Apartments, located at 45445 S.R. 20, Oberlin Township, Lorain County. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the WWTP's operation and maintenance condition and compliance with your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge.

At the time of the inspection, the following observations were made:

- 1) The contents of the trash trap were full, and in need of pumping.
- 2) The aeration tank motor was running, but the contents were not being aerated. The water in the aeration tank was black, septic, and odorous, with floating plastics on the surface. Both the return sludge line and skimmer lines were not operating.  
  
The belt on the blower motor should be checked to make sure it is not slipping or broken, and replaced if necessary. The air line and diffusers in the aeration tank should also be checked for blockage, which may also be the cause of a lack of aeration to the tank.
- 3) The settling tank effluent trough was full of solids, and needs to be cleaned.
- 4) The pump station pumps were set to automatic mode. When the pumps were tested in the manual mode, only the Number 2 pump was operational. The Number 1 pump should be checked for proper operation and repaired / replaced if necessary.
- 5) The surface sand filters were in use. The west cell was flooded with water, and the east cell was clean. There was a leak in the northwest corner of the sand filter. The filters need to be dewatered, and any solids removed from the sand. The walls of the filters need to be made water tight.
- 6) The chlorination / dechlorination tank tubes were not in use, as they contained no tablets. Tablets must be kept in the tubes during the disinfection season (May 1 – October 31).

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A SWIMS computer search for the operating data for the wastewater treatment plant (submittal as required by the NPDES permit to be reported to Ohio EPA) was conducted prior to the inspection. The Monthly Operating Report (MOR) data search covered the period of January 1, 2001, through September 1, 2007.

Results of the search found no such data was ever submitted to Ohio EPA for the A-1 Construction Apartments WWTP. A file search for the property also found the current NPDES permit has expired, and a renewal application was to have been submitted to Ohio EPA by February 28, 2005. To date, no NPDES permit renewal application has been submitted to this office.

**Please be advised that an NPDES permit is required for a discharge of wastewater to waters of the State. Failure to submit a completed application prior to expiration of an NPDES permit results in an unauthorized discharge of pollutants to waters of the State. Such unauthorized discharges are subject to enforcement action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111. Also be advised that non-reporting of required parameters is a violation of the NPDES permit as well and is subject to enforcement action.**

Please inform this office in writing, within seven days of the receipt of this correspondence, as to the reasons why the required monitoring and reporting is not being conducted.

The enclosed NPDES permit renewal application also needs to be completed and submitted to this office within 14 days of the receipt of this letter. **Failure to respond to either of these requirements in a timely manner will also be cause to escalate enforcement action by this Agency.**

If there are questions or comments regarding the contents of this letter, please contact this office.

Respectfully,



Charles E. Allen  
Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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cc: John Sabo, Lorain County Health Department  
Richard House, A-1 Construction Apts.

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