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July 14, 2009

RE: MAHONING COUNTY
BERLIN TOWNSHIP
BEN'S RESTAURANT
NPDES PERMIT NO 3PR00491

Ms. Penny Bendetta
Ben's Restaurant
17729 Akron-Canfield Road
Berlin Center, OH 44401

Dear Ms. Bendetta:

On July 2, 2009, this writer conducted an inspection of the wastewater treatment system for Ben's Restaurant. The intent of the inspection was to evaluate operations and maintenance for the system. Joe DeNiro represented the restaurant during the inspection.

The system was satisfactory during the inspection. Following are observations.

Aeration Tank:

- The aeration tank had good color and mixing.
- The return sludge was a medium brown color indicating the existence of a good population of microbes necessary for treatment.

Clarifier:

- The clarifier surface was free of sludge or scum.
- The water discharged from the clarifier was clear.

Tertiary Filter Dosing System

- Both pumps were operational at the time of the inspection.

Tertiary Filters

- The northern sand filter was being used at the time of the inspection. The southern sand filter had just been cleaned. Mr. DeNiro indicated that the southern filter would be put into service so that the northern filter can be cleaned.

Disinfection System

- Chlorination and de-chlorination tablets were identified in both systems. The de-chlorination system was installed subsequent to the last inspection.

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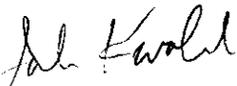
As part of this inspection, the compliance record for Ben's Restaurant was reviewed to determine compliance with the NPDES Permit. The period of review was June 2008 through May 2009. Following is a list of violation identified for the review period.

Reporting Period	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
May 2009	Total Suspended Solids	30-Day Conc.	12.0	32.	5/1/2009
May 2009	Total Suspended Solids	7-Day Conc.	18.0	32.	5/1/2009
May 2009	Nitrogen, Ammonia	30-Day Conc.	1.0	1.7	5/1/2009
May 2009	Nitrogen, Ammonia	7-Day Conc.	1.5	1.6	5/1/2009
May 2009	Dissolved Oxygen	1-Day Conc.	6.0	5.51	5/4/2009
May 2009	Fecal Coliform	7-Day Conc.	2000	8000.	5/8/2009
May 2009	Dissolved Oxygen	1-Day Conc.	6.0	4.37	5/11/2009
May 2009	Nitrogen, Ammonia	7-Day Conc.	1.5	2.4	5/15/2009
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May 2009	Dissolved Oxygen	1-Day Conc.	6.0	4.7	5/20/2009
May 2009	Dissolved Oxygen	1-Day Conc.	6.0	5.18	5/27/2009

In addition to the violations noted above, the compliance record indicates that monthly reports were only submitted for December 2008; and for January, February and May 2009. Failure to submit monthly reports is a violation of the permit. The reports must be submitted to Ohio EPA each month in order to maintain compliance.

You may contact this writer at (330) 963-1251 to discuss any questions you may have regarding this inspection letter.

Respectfully,



John Kwolek
District Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Joe Mansky, Mahoning County Department of Health

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