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RE: CIRCLE RESTAURANT
PERMIT NO. 3PR00120
PORTAGE COUNTY
DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP

Mr. Darryl Himler
Circle Restaurant
P.O. Box 128
Deerfield, Ohio 44411

Dear Mr. Himler:

On February 23, 2010, an inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. The facility was represented by you. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the treatment system along the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the above referenced National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

During the inspection, the following items were noted:

1. The plant design of the wastewater treatment system is 5,000 gpd.
2. The blowers were running and the plant was receiving good aeration.
3. The contents of the aeration tank were medium brown in color and no foam was present. This is typical of a properly operating plant.
4. The flow equalization tank was being aerated.
5. The skimmer return line was functioning properly.
6. The sludge return line was working properly and was returning medium brown water.
7. The weirs and the sidewalls in the settling tank were free of scum/solids build-up.
8. Solids build-up was present behind the baffle in the settling tank. This material should be pumped out routinely when the trash trap is pumped.
9. You indicated that the up flow clarifier is cleaned once per year.
10. Both pumps to the surface sand filter beds were tested and found to be operational.
11. Both surface sand filter beds, although covered with a thin layer of snow, appeared to be well maintained.
12. The effluent being pumped to the surface sand filter beds was visually clear.
13. The discharge point was not observed.
14. The chlorination/dechlorination units were not evaluated. Please note that chlorination/dechlorination is required from May 1st through October 31st.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period August 1, 2008 through January 31, 2010, for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are as follows:

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Limit Violations

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	11.3	15.	1/1/2009
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc	17	26.	1/6/2009
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	11.3	14.	2/1/2009
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	11.3	12.	3/1/2009
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	5.1	5/28/2009
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	5.5	6/3/2009
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	3.3	6/10/2009
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	2.6	6/25/2009
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	5.2	7/2/2009
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	4.	7/9/2009
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	5.7	9/3/2009

No frequency violations were noted.

You indicated that adjustments to the wastewater treatment plant were recently made to address the facility's non-compliance with the plant's dissolved oxygen permit limit.

Please be advised that such instances of noncompliance may be cause for enforcement actions pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at 330-963-1143.

Respectfully,



Michael W. Stevens
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