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RE: BENTTREE CONDOMINIUMS
PERMIT NO. 3PW00023
PORTAGE COUNTY
MANTUA TOWNSHIP

CERTIFIED MAIL

Ms. Amy Sayre, President
Benttree Condominiums
11056 State Route 44, Unit P
Mantua, Ohio 44255

Dear Ms. Sayre:

On November 14, 2008, a follow up inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. The initial inspection was conducted on August 15, 2008. No one was present during the inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to follow up on the items addressed in the response letter dated September 15, 2008 from Mr. Jason Fahl, Authorized Representative, Benttree Condo Association.

During the inspection, the following items were noted:

1. The blowers were running and the plant was receiving good aeration.
2. The contents of the aeration tank were medium brown in color and no foam was present.
3. Both the sludge return line and the skimmer return line were functioning properly.
4. Scum build-up was still present behind the baffle in the settling tank, (see Figure 1). This scum should be removed and properly disposed.
5. The weirs and the sidewalls in the settling tank still had scum build-up. They should be scraped down, (see Figure 2).
6. The condition of the surface sand filter beds is still unacceptable. One surface sand filter bed is still overgrown with vegetation. This vegetation should be removed immediately along with the solids deposition. The other filter bed was free of vegetation. However, this bed was draining slowing. This is a result of the filter media being plugged with solids, (see Figure 3). Maintenance should be performed on both beds immediately. The sludge should be properly disposed at a licensed solid waste landfill. The response letter indicated that the expected completion date would be on or before October 31, 2008.
7. Once the sludge layer is removed in the surface sand filter beds, additional filter media may be required. In general 18 inches of approved filter sand is necessary. Any filter sand that is used must meet the requirements of Ohio

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Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-42-09. More specifically, for conventional surface sand filters, filter sand shall be washed and free of silt; have an effective size of 0.4 mm to 1.0 mm; and have a uniformity coefficient less than 3.0.

8. The distribution line from the surface sand filter splitter box should be reinstalled immediately, (see Figures 3 & 4).
9. The final effluent being discharged was clear.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period August 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008 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:

Code Violations

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
601	31616	Fecal Coliform			AK	8/20/2008

Please notify this office in writing within 14 days receipt of this letter your intentions to resolve items 4, 5, and 6. This letter should include dates either actual or proposed. A follow-up inspection will be conducted subsequent to the completion date.

Please be advised that such instances of non-compliance 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
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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Figure 1



Figure 2

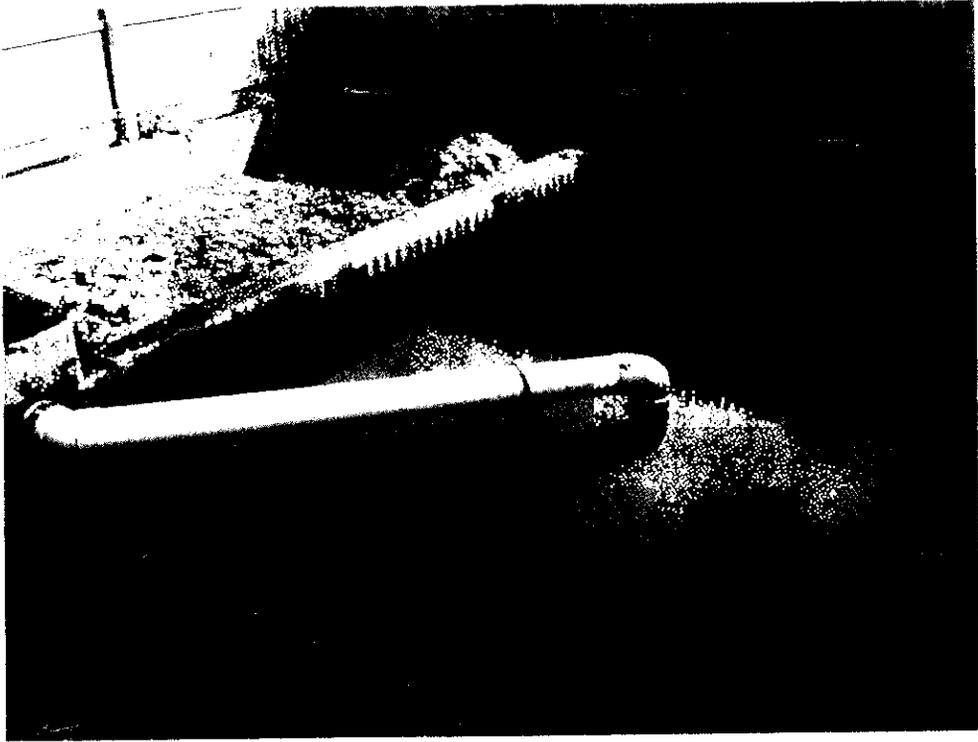


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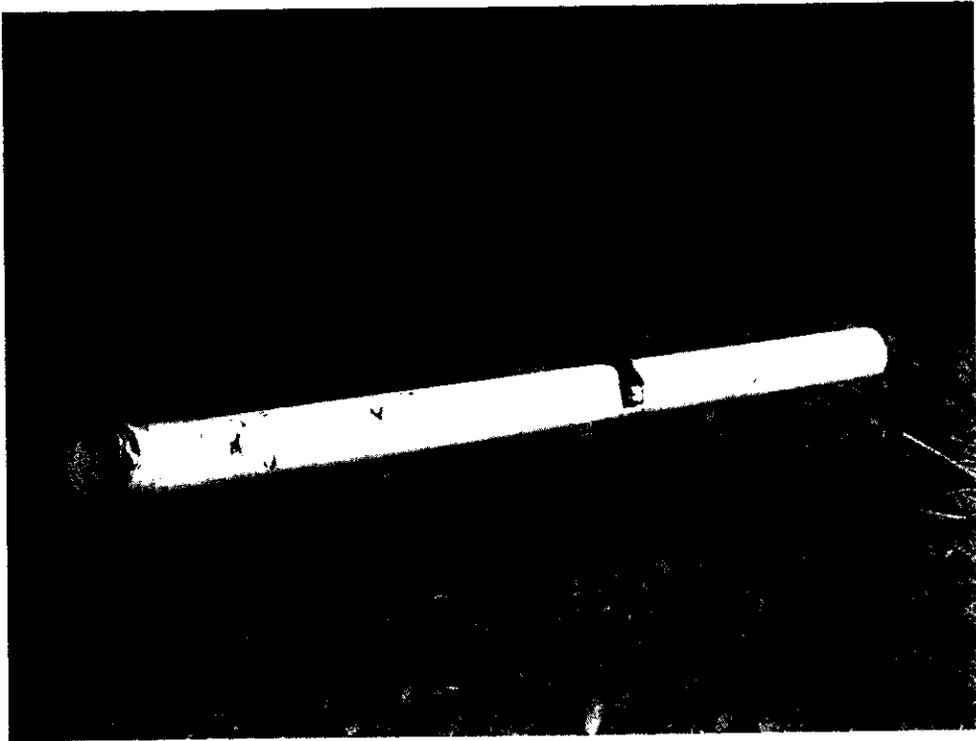


Figure 4