



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
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January 28, 2011

RE: THE DIAMOND LODGE
PERMIT NO. 3PR00505*AD
PORTAGE COUNTY
EDINBURG TOWNSHIP

Mr. Mario Gallo
3116 State Route 14
Edinburg, Ohio 44272

Dear Mr. Gallo:

On January 19, 2011, an inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. No one was present during the inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the treatment system along with 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 estimated to be 10,000 gpd since the Agency has no records indicating that the plant was constructed with a permit.
2. The facility was issued an NPDES permit for the wastewater treatment system which became effective on January 1, 2010.
3. The NPDES permit requires that discharge monitoring reports be electronically submitted monthly. This office has no record of receiving discharge monitoring reports covering the time period January 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010. During the time period May 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010, the facility reported code 'AA' which indicates that the treatment system did not have a discharge.
4. As of October 1, 2010, the monthly discharge monitoring reports are being submitted with the required analytical results and flow rate.
5. The blowers were running and the plant was receiving good aeration.
6. The contents of the aeration tank were medium brown in color and no foam was present. This is typical of a properly operating plant.
7. The sludge return line was functioning properly and returning medium brown water.
8. The skimmer return line was functioning properly and returning clear water.
9. The skimmer level was properly adjusted.
10. Scum build-up was present behind the baffle in the settling tank. This scum should be removed and properly disposed.

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11. The weirs and the sidewalls in the settling tank also had scum build-up. This scum should be removed and properly disposed.
12. Construction of the surface sand filter beds proposed in the facility's Permit-to-Install application received by this office on March 31, 2010 was complete. The surface sand filter beds were free of vegetation and minimal sludge was present on the active bed. For the future, it should be noted that any vegetation and solids deposition on the surface sand filter beds should be properly disposed at a licensed solid waste landfill.
13. The ultraviolet disinfection unit proposed in the facility's Permit-to-Install application was not observed.
14. The discharge point was also not observed.

Please inform this office in writing, within 14 days receipt of this letter, of your intentions to resolve items 10 and 11. The letter should include dates, either actual or proposed, for completion of the actions. A follow-up inspection will be conducted subsequent to the completion date.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010 for the referenced facility. **Our review indicates no limit violations of your NPDES permit. However, failure to submit the monthly discharge monitoring reports cited in item 3 above is in violation of your NPDES permit.**

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,

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pc: Rich Lashley, Portage County Health Department