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Re: Wood County  
Hirzel Canning  
Industrial NPDES

March 9, 2010

Mr. Eric Hirzel  
Hirzel Canning Co  
411 Lemoyne Road  
Northwood, Ohio 43619

Dear Mr. Hirzel:

On Wednesday, March 3, 2010, I conducted an inspection of the wastewater facilities for Hirzel Canning located 411 Lemoyne Rd, Northwood, Wood County.

Wastewater from the canning facility goes through solids separation with the liquid land applied onto a field located at the Hirzel facility. Under drains on this field direct the flow to a four cell lagoon system. All four cells are aerated with the first three cells having surface aerators and the fourth cell diffusers. Water from the lagoons is used to irrigate the field during dry seasons. A controlled discharge to Wolf Creek is permitted by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

Discharge of stormwater from the facility is not permitted during canning season. During canning season, the stormwater is directed to the lagoon system for treatment. You have proposed that the stormwater be land applied to a portion of the field before it drains to the lagoon system. This will provide some treatment of the stormwater and allow for evaporation and transpiration which will free up some storage capacity in the lagoons.

At the time of the inspection, all four lagoons were ice covered and there was some odor coming from the first or second lagoon. This odor is not unexpected when the lagoons "turn over" during the early springtime. However, if the odors become stronger, you may need to make operational changes to reduce the odors.

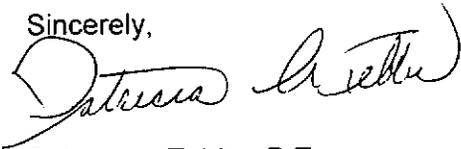
Discharge monitoring reports (DMR) that we have received for this facility have not indicated any discharge. However, many of the discharge reports for the 2007 through 2009 period have not been received. It is a requirement of the NPDES permit (Part III, Item 4, Reporting) that a DMR be filed every month whether or not there is a discharge. You had explained that you were having trouble with the electronic filing process but felt that perhaps you would be able to begin submitting your DMRs. Please be advised that if the DMRs are not received in a timely manner and the nonsubmittal of the DMRs continues, we will be forced to begin enforcement action against Hirzel Canning Co.

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The NPDES permit for Hirzel Canning will expire on May 31, 2010. While we are working on the renewal of this permit, nonsubmittal of the DMRs may cause a delay in issuing a renewal NPDES permit.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3016 or by e-mail at [patricia.tebbe@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:patricia.tebbe@epa.state.oh.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia A. Tebbe".

Patricia A. Tebbe, P.E.  
Division of Surface Water

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