

**Environmental
Protection Agency**

Ted Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lt. Governor
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December 6, 2010

Mayor and Council, Camden
P.O. Box 1
Camden, Ohio 45311

CERTIFIED MAIL

**RE: Notice of Violation and Reconnaissance Inspection (RI)
Camden WWTP, Permit Number 1PB00009**

Mayor and Council:

On December 2, 2010, I conducted a Reconnaissance Inspection at the Camden Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). A copy of the inspection report is enclosed. The inspection report contains one marginal rating (Sludge Storage/Disposal) and three unsatisfactory ratings (Records/Reports, Effluent/Receiving Waters, and Self-Monitoring Program).

Mayor Gunter noted that Rod Good and Reynolds would like to use reverse osmosis to remove salt from Camden's contaminated aquifer. Mayor Gunter noted that Mr. Good and Reynolds would like to discharge the residue from the reverse osmosis to Camden's WWTP. At this time, no official proposal for the discharge of such waste to the Camden WWTP has been submitted to Ohio EPA. Should such a proposal be submitted, unless it demonstrates that the sodium and TDS loadings to the WWTP would be low enough to have no impact on treatment and or WWTP compliance, Ohio EPA could not approve the discharge of such waste to the WWTP.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the requirements of your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111. Please submit a written response to this office by January 10, 2011 indicating the steps you have taken or intend to take to correct the above violation and unsatisfactory/marginal ratings.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the contents of this letter, please feel free to contact me at (937) 285-6103.

Sincerely,



Maureen M. Ware
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Greg Davis
cc: Preble County Health Dept.

Permit #: 1PB00009
 NPDES #: OH0024317



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
 Southwest District Office

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding					
Permit #	NPDES#	Month/Day/Year	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
1PB00009	OH0024317	12/2/2010	R	S	1

Section B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Camden WWTP 300 South Main St. Camden, Ohio 45311	12:50 PM	9/1/2010
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	3:35 PM	8/31/2015
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representatives	Phone Number(s)	
Greg Davis, Aqua Technology Group Director Sylvanis Gunter, Camden Mayor Sean Maloney, Attorney at Law	513-298-1183 937-533-8600	
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number	
Mayor and Council, Village of Camden P.O. Box 1 Camden, Ohio 45311		

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection					
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)					
N	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment
U	Records/Reports	N	Laboratory	N	Compliance Schedule
N	Operations & Maintenance	U	Effluent/Receiving Waters	U	Self-Monitoring Program
N	Facility Site Review	M	Sludge Storage/Disposal	N	Other
N	Collection System				

Section D: Summary of Findings (Attach additional sheets if necessary)	
<p>Records/Reports were rated unsatisfactory due to a lack of an operator to do the required sampling and reporting for the period of 11/18/10-11/26/10. Effluent/Receiving Waters was rated unsatisfactory due to a solids washout to Seven Mile Creek from one clarifier on 12/1/10 of approximately 5000-10,000 gallons at approximately 500-1000 mg/l TSS. To date, no official notification has been received by Ohio EPA regarding this discharge. Self-Monitoring Program was rated unsatisfactory due to the auto-sampler being put on line the day of this inspection. It was to have been put on line 9/1/10. In addition, as of the date of this inspection, the auto-sampler was a timed sampler. It is required to be a flow proportionate sampler. Sludge was rated as marginal due to one sludge bed being non-operational.</p>	
Inspector	Reviewer
 Maureen M. Ware Division of Surface Water Southwest District Office Date: 12/6/10	 Martyn G. Burt Environmental Supervisor Division of Surface Water Southwest District Office Date: 12/7/10

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Camden had a solids washout from one clarifier 12/1/10 of approximately 5000-10,000 gallons and 500-1000 mg/l TSS due to a valve being positioned incorrectly. The valve position was then properly adjusted. I advised them to report it via the email system. Cleaning of the clarifier troughs is done by isolating one clarifier, adjusting valves so that the material in the trough is sent back to the headworks. Mr. Davis noted that the mixed liquor in the aeration basins was around 7500-8000 mg/l. He wasted enough sludge to get it down to around 3500 mg/l.

Fecal coliform tests for Camden are done at the Eaton WWTP. Mr. Davis found through a time study that to just do the required sampling and lab work takes 8 hours for one day, which equates to 16 hours for the 2 per week sampling/reporting for Camden, which only leaves 4 hours per week for operation and maintenance for the WWTP.

From the time Joe Holtgrewe was let go on 11/18/10 through 11/26/10, Camden did not have an operator for the WWTP. Mr. Davis did a few hours work in that time period, but not the required 20 hours. From 11/27-12/2 Mr. Davis and his company did at least 20 hours work at the WWTP. As of the day of the inspection, Mr. Davis was still not the official Operator of Record (ORC). Camden was to have procured an official ORC as of the evening of the inspection (either via Aqua Technology, Winelco, or Floyd Browne Associates). Mayor Gunter noted that he did check on the WWTP during the 11/18-11/26 time period.

Camden almost has their autosampler on-line. As of now the sampler is a timed sampler. I told them that it needs to be flow proportionate. They said they would get the necessary electronics in place to do so ASAP. I discussed the need for an SOP for cleaning the autosampler and using blanks to determine if the cleaning is sufficient. Camden noted that they were going to get an autosampler for the influent line. I told them that they were not required to do so for the influent line. Mr. Davis noted that with the lab work and WWTP O&M, having the influent autosampled would be a good thing as manual composite sampling otherwise would use more of the ORC's time.

One sludge drying bed is not draining at all. Camden is looking into getting it fixed, but indicated that they could not get anyone to bid on the project. Mr. Davis noted that he feels that adding polymer to the Waste Activated Sludge (WAS) before it goes to the drying beds will improve the drainage of the sludge. One sludge digester tank was full, the other about half full.

The outfall sign was not in place, but they have until the end of this month to do so, and said they would.

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