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RE: ARNIES STEAK HOUSE
PERMIT NO. 3PR00174
PORTAGE COUNTY
RAVENNA

Mr. Arnold Thayer, Owner
Arnies West Branch Steak House Inc.
P.O. Box 916
Ravenna OH 44266

Dear Mr. Thayer:

On October 1, 2009, an inspection of the above referenced facility was conducted. No one was present during the inspection to represent the facility. The purpose of the inspection was to: (1) evaluate the performance of the wastewater 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 and (2) determine required additional actions to be undertaken as part of the permit renewal process.

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. This is typical of a properly operating plant.
3. The sludge return line was working properly.
4. The skimmer was working properly and adjusted to the correct height. The skimmer discharge line was not identified.
5. The weir in the settling tank was free of scum.
6. The surface sand filter beds had minimal vegetation growing in them. All vegetation and debris should be properly disposed at a licensed landfill.
7. No discharge was occurring.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period December 1, 2007 through September 30, 2009 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:

Limit Violations

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.5	2.75	8/1/2008
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	2.25	2.75	8/1/2008

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	30D Conc	200	1435.	8/1/2008
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	7D Conc	400	1435.	8/8/2008
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	30D Conc	200	1120.	6/1/2009
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	7D Conc	400	1120.	6/8/2009
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	30D Conc	200	490.	8/1/2009
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	7D Conc	400	490.	8/22/2009

No frequency or code violations were noted.

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

The facility's renewal NPDES was Public Noticed on October 20, 2009. During the Public Notice period, you will have 30 days to evaluate this permit and comment in writing any concerns you may have.

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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