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March 13, 2009

RE: SOUTHEAST LOCAL SCHOOLS  
PERMIT NO. 3PT00016  
PORTAGE COUNTY  
PALMRA TOWNSHIP

Mr. Fred Fries  
Business Manager  
Southeast Local School District  
8245 Tallmadge Road  
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Dear Mr. Fries:

On February 24, 2009, an inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. The facility was represented by you. 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 50,000 gpd.
2. A seal was recently replaced in one of two pumps in the equalization tank.
3. Mr. Dave Shanks from the Portage County Engineers Office operates the wastewater treatment system. Mr. Shanks has a Class I certified operators license.
4. Portage County performs the sampling, provides the lab analysis, and reports the data to Ohio EPA's Surface Water Information Management System.
5. The flow equalization tank was being aerated.
6. The blowers were running and the plant was receiving good aeration.
7. The contents of the aeration tank were medium brown in color and no foam was present. This is typical of a properly operating plant.
8. Both sludge return lines were functioning properly.
9. The skimmer was set at the proper level and the skimmer return line was functioning properly.
10. Scum build-up was present behind the baffle in the settling tank. This scum should be removed and properly disposed.
11. The weirs and the sidewalls in the settling tank had scum/debris build-up. They should be scraped down.
12. Pin flock was observed flowing over the weirs in the settling tank.

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13. One of four surface sand filter beds was being utilized. The bed was free of vegetation and appears to have been recently raked. The remaining three beds were covered with snow.
14. The effluent was visually clear.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period September 1, 2007 through January 31, 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:

#### Frequency Violations

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Expected	Reported	Violation Date
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	1/Week	1	0	04/08/2008
001	80082	CBOD 5 day	1/Week	1	0	04/08/2008

**No Limit violations were noted.**

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  
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