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September 29, 2008

RE: STARK COUNTY  
NIMISHILLEN TOWNSHIP  
PHIL'S PLACE  
6509 COLUMBUS RD.  
NPDES #3PR00469

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Ms. Gina Snyder  
Phil's Place  
6509 Columbus Road NE  
Louisville, OH 44641

Dear Ms. Snyder:

On September 25, 2008, this office conducted an inspection of the wastewater treatment system serving the above referenced facility. Present during the inspection was this writer.

The existing sewage treatment system consists of a trash trap followed by a 5,000 gallon per day extended aeration treatment plant with a dosing chamber, surface sand filter and chlorine contact tank. The system discharges to an unnamed tributary to the East Branch Nimishillen Creek.

At the time of the inspection, the mixed liquor in the aeration tank had a light brown color. One sludge return was not operating. The sludge return must be made operable to return solids from the clarifier to the aeration tank so the system can operate properly. The contents of the clarifier were turbid. The surface sand filter beds contained excessive vegetation and need to be cleaned.

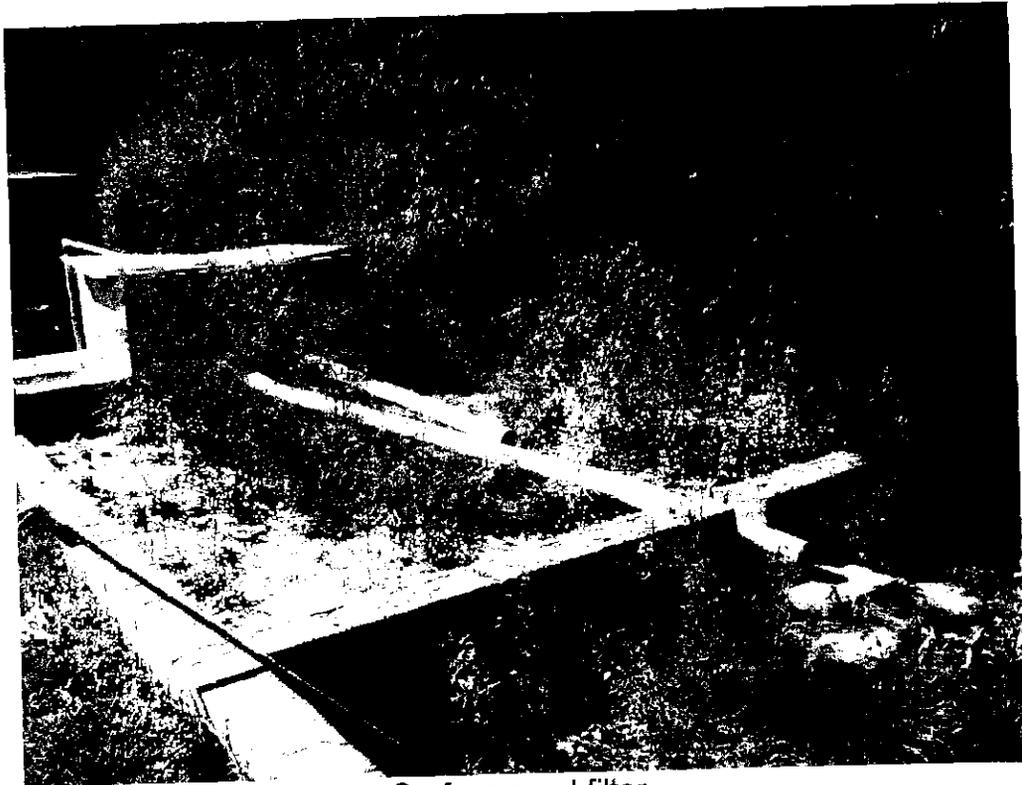
The chlorine contact tank was full of solids and the tablet chlorinator was empty. A tablet dechlorinator must be added to the treatment system. Overall, the plant is in very poor operation and maintenance condition.

A review of our records reveals that discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) are not being submitted as required by your NPDES permit. Your current NPDES permit went effective on October 1, 2007. As part of the NPDES permit, you are required to sample your treatment plant effluent and submit DMRs to Ohio EPA on a monthly basis. Also, you are required to have a Class I state certified wastewater treatment plant operator oversee the operation of your treatment system.

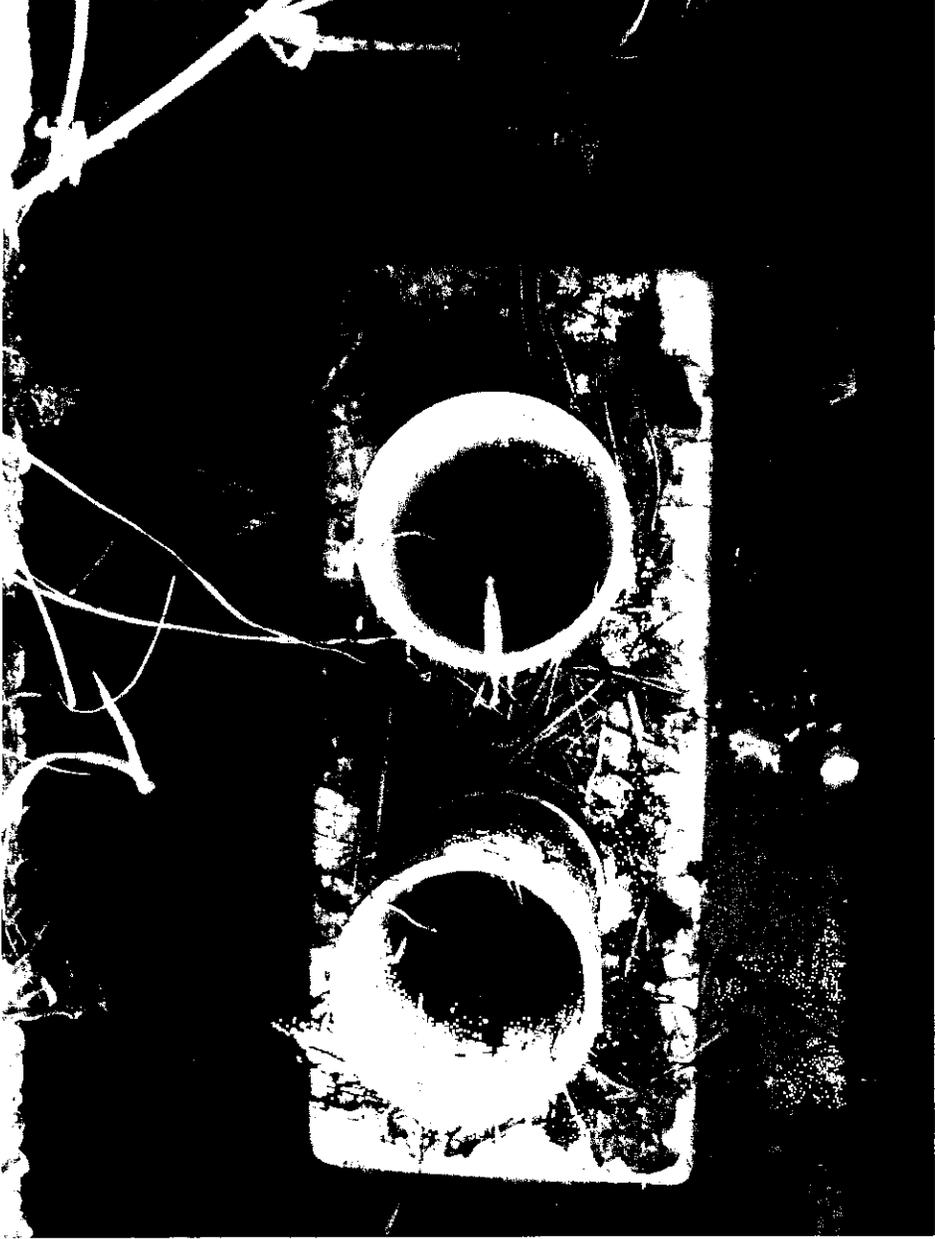




Clarifier – note excessive solids.



Surface sand filter.



Chlorine contact tank