



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

July 6, 2011

RE: SUMMIT COUNTY  
CITY OF NORTON  
VFW LOYAL OAK POST 4466 (HOUSTON HALL)  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3PR00205\*BD  
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION

Mr. Charlie Shook, Owner  
VFW Loyal Oak Post 4466  
3069 Houston Road  
Norton, OH 44203

Dear Mr. Shook:

On June 29, 2011, a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) was conducted at the wastewater treatment plant serving the VFW Loyal Oak Post 4466. The purpose of such an inspection is to determine whether the plant is meeting the requirements of its NPDES permit, and to inspect the overall condition of the plant.

According to our files, the existing wastewater treatment system consists of a 500 gallon trash trap, 1500 gallon equalization tank, 1000 gpd extended aeration plant, 500 gallon dosing chamber, 190 square foot surface sand filter, and chlorination/dechlorination.

Following are observations made during the inspection along with recommendations:

1. During the inspection, it was noticed that the building now looks to be called Houston Hall. According to the Summit County auditor's website, you are still the property owner; has there been a change in tenants? If so, please fill out the enclosed Site Evaluation Request Form so that this office can update our files.
2. It was unclear whether or not the aerated flow equalization tank was receiving air. If not, please have the airline fixed. For safety and liability reasons, a proper grate shall be placed over the equalization tank.
3. The extended aeration plant was running, and the mixed liquor in the aeration tank appeared to be light in color. The sludge return was operating and also appeared to be light in color. The clarifier did not appear to have a properly operating skimmer.
4. The surface sand filters were clean of weeds and dried solids. But, there were piles of sand/dried solids on the ground around the filters. Please note that this material is considered a solid waste, and therefore shall be placed in a watertight container and disposed of with the remainder of the site's trash which ultimately ends up in a solid waste landfill.
5. The disinfection tank appeared to be clear of visible solids. A portion of the grating over the disinfection tank was missing; for safety and liability reasons, the grating shall be replaced. Also, one of the tablet dispensers was missing, and one of the dispensers was missing a lid.

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6. There appeared to be a recently dug out area with a new inspection port. Is this possibly a new sampling port?

Upon review of the electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (eDMR's) submitted for the plant from July 2009 through July 2011, the following effluent violations were noted:

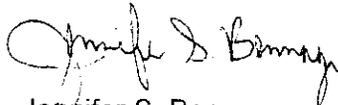
Reporting Period	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
December 2009	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	0.02	.02082	12/1/2009
March 2010	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	15.	3/1/2010
March 2010	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	0.02	.02839	3/1/2010
March 2010	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	3.0	7.7	3/1/2010
March 2010	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Qty	0.006	.01457	3/1/2010
March 2010	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	12.	3/1/2010
March 2010	CBOD 5 day	30D Qty	0.02	.02271	3/1/2010
March 2010	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	4.5	7.7	3/8/2010
March 2010	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Qty	0.009	.01457	3/8/2010
December 2010	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	15.	12/1/2010
December 2010	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	0.02	.02839	12/1/2010
March 2011	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	0.02	.02271	3/1/2011

Please be advised such instances of noncompliance are subject to enforcement pursuant to ORC 6111.

Upon review of our files, it was noticed that your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit expired on May 31, 2010. As soon as possible, please submit the enclosed NPDES renewal application forms and Antidegradation Form, along with a \$200 check payable to Treasurer of State of Ohio. Enclosed for your information is a copy of your old NPDES application forms.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at (330) 963-1151.

Sincerely,



Jennifer S. Bennage  
Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Bob Hasenyager, Summit County Health Dept.