



Environmental
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor
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February 7, 2011

RE: SUMMIT COUNTY
CITY OF GREEN
GREENTREE PLACE
4866 MASSILLON ROAD
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION
OHIO EPA NO. 3PR00103*DD

Mr. Jean Hobbs
Greentree Place
P.O. Box 157
North Canton, OH 44232

Dear Mr. Hobbs:

On January 19, 2011, a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) was conducted at the semi-public wastewater treatment plant serving Greentree Place. According to our files, the wastewater treatment plant consists of a 2000 gallon trash trap, splitter box, 14,000 gpd extended aeration treatment plant, 1300 gallon aerated sludge holding chamber, 556 gallon dosing chamber, 595 square foot surface sand filter, and chlorine contact tank. The plant discharges into an unnamed tributary of Nimisila Creek, which flows to the Tuscarawas River.

During the inspection, it was noted that half of the wastewater treatment plant was being utilized. The plant appeared to be in poor operation and maintenance condition.

Deficiencies/safety hazards noted during the inspection were as follows:

1. The trash trap and splitter box lids were off. For safety reasons, these lids shall be kept on.
2. The housing over the blower was left up. For safety reasons, the housing should be kept down.
3. The electrical box door was missing; this should be replaced as soon as possible.
4. One side of the surface sand filter was not equipped with a distribution pipe. The other side of the surface sand filter has been divided into three sections. As mentioned in the previous inspection letter from this office, the surface sand filter should be divided into two halves, with a distribution pipe out to the center of each half with proper splash pads (please see Greenbook diagram).
5. The clarifier was full of solids.
6. The disinfection tank contained some foam.
7. Dechlorination, which is necessary to comply with the effluent limitations contained in your NPDES permit, was not present in the disinfection tank.

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Review of the electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports from January 2010 to January 2011 revealed the following numeric effluent violations:

Reporting Period	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Date
June 2010	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.5	4.33	6/1/2010
June 2010	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	2.25	4.33	6/15/2010
August 2010	Chlorine, Total Residu	1D Conc	0.019	.5	8/1/2010
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August 2010	Chlorine, Total Residu	1D Conc	0.019	.5	8/29/2010
September 2010	Chlorine, Total Residu	1D Conc	0.019	.5	9/1/2010
September 2010	Chlorine, Total Residu	1D Conc	0.019	.5	9/15/2010
September 2010	Chlorine, Total Residu	1D Conc	0.019	.5	9/29/2010
October 2010	Chlorine, Total Residu	1D Conc	0.019	.5	10/1/2010
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During review of your DMRs, it was also noticed that sludge has not been disposed of from your treatment system during the past year. It would be very unusual for a plant such as yours to operate properly without having sludge hauled for disposal. Please inform this office in writing when sludge was removed and where it was disposed.

Please be advised that the above mentioned instances of noncompliance are subject to enforcement pursuant to ORC 6111. In the future, please send letters explaining the reason for an effluent violation, and the planned actions to resolve the situation. See Section III of your NPDES permit concerning noncompliance notification.

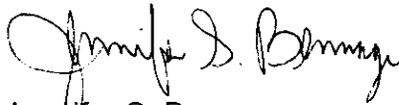
As you were informed in an April 1, 2010 letter from this office, Summit County sanitary sewer is available and accessible in Massillon Road, directly in front of your property. Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-33-08 (C) states that whenever the sewage system of a publicly owned treatment works becomes available and accessible, the permittee operating any semi-public disposal system shall abandon the semi-public disposal system and connect it to the publicly owned treatment works. Therefore, it is directed you contact Paul Pickett at the City of Green (330-896-5510) and Dave Marquard at Summit County Department of Environmental Services (330-926-2435) concerning the procedures to connect to the sanitary sewer.

On April 30, 2010, you had submitted a renewal NPDES application to this office. But, this office cannot renew your NPDES permit because sanitary sewers are now available. According to OAC 3745-33-04 (A) (2) (b), the director of Ohio EPA shall deny an application for a permit or renewal thereof if the director determines that the proposed discharge or source would conflict with an area-wide waste treatment management plan adopted in accordance with section 208 of the act. The 208/201 Plan for this area prescribes sanitary sewers as the approved treatment method.

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In order to avoid enforcement action from this office, you are directed to submit a proposed schedule for abandoning your wastewater treatment system and connecting to sanitary sewers by April 1, 2011. If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact this office at (330) 963-1151.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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- cc: Tom LaPlante, Summit County Health Dept.
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