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April 15, 2009

RE: TRUMBULL COUNTY  
HARTFORD TOWNSHIP  
JOSEPH BADGER MEADOWS CAMP  
NPDES PERMIT NO. OH0125962  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3PR00198

Mr. Dan Schomer, General Presbyter  
Eastminster Presbytery  
7266 Hayes Orangeville Road  
Burghill, Ohio 44404

Dear Mr. Schomer:

On February 25, 2009, an inspection was conducted by Mr. Richard Curl of the Trumbull County Health Department and the undersigned of the sanitary wastewater treatment plant serving the above referenced facility. The facility was represented by Mr. Gary Hoskins, Grounds Director. Upon receipt of the late NPDES renewal application, a follow-up inspection was conducted on April 9, 2009. The purpose of the inspections was to evaluate the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the above-referenced permit. In addition, information gathered during the inspection will be utilized in determining the renewal status of the NPDES permit.

**Inspection Findings/Compliance Status**

The current 20,000 gallon/day treatment system consists of preliminary treatment (trash trap), 8,800 gallon flow equalization basin, extended aeration activated sludge Apackage@ plant, final settling tank, 48 sq. ft. dual-cell fixed media clarifier, 800 sq. ft. dual-unit slow surface sand filter, chlorination/dechlorination tank, and sludge holding tank. The system discharges to a tributary of Pymatuning Creek.

At the time of the inspection, the general performance of the system was found to be satisfactory. The final effluent being discharged to the receiving stream appeared to be of satisfactory visual quality.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-7-02 requires that you have a contract with your certified operator, Dwane Stull. At a minimum, the contract shall specify that the certified operator be available to provide the services (i.e. **inspection, monitoring, maintenance, and supervision**) necessary to maintain the reliable operation of the wastewater works. Signatory authority required pursuant to 40 CFR 122.22 (b) may be addressed under the terms of the contract for submission of DMRs.

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A review of the facility's Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) received by Ohio EPA for the period January 2008 through March 2009 indicate violations of the final effluent limitations of the NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are as follows:

Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
July 2008	001	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	30D Conc	1.0	1.52	7/1/2008
July 2008	001	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Conc	1.5	1.52	7/1/2008
August 2008	001	Chlorine, Total Residual	1D Conc	0.019	8.	8/6/2008
August 2008	001	Chlorine, Total Residual	1D Conc	0.019	8.	8/20/2008
March 2009	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	5.7	3/25/2009

Please be advised that failure to comply with the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit may be subject to enforcement actions pursuant to Chapter 6111 of the Ohio Revised Code. Such actions can result in fines of up to \$10,000 per day of violation.

**Summary/Conclusion:**

Based on the inspection findings and the facility's overall compliance record, this office anticipates drafting and public-noticing the renewal permit. Comments received during the public-notice period will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to issuance of a final permit. Issuance of the final permit will also be contingent upon a satisfactory resolution of the noncompliance items referenced above.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact me at (330) 963-1196.

Respectfully,



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Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Gary Hoskins, Joseph Badger Meadows Camp  
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