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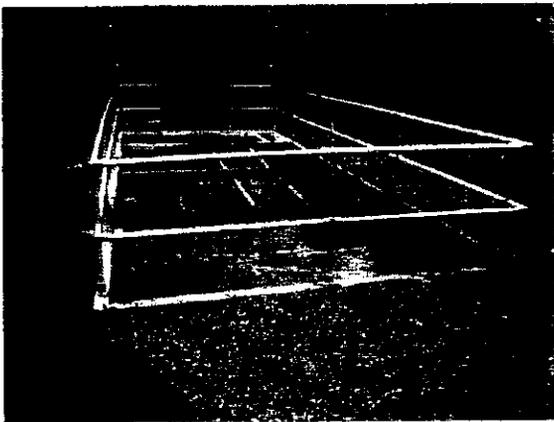
RE: TRUMBULL COUNTY  
WARREN TOWNSHIP  
SHORT STOP TRUCK PLAZA  
NPDES PERMIT NO. OH0117562  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3PR00162

Mr. George Axiotis, Owner  
Short Stop Truck Plaza  
6152 West Market Street  
Leavittsburg, Ohio 44430

Dear Mr. Axiotis:

On November 13, 2008, an inspection was conducted at the above referenced facility by the undersigned. The facility was represented by Ed Mosko and Brian Mosko of Valley Environmental Labs. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the NPDES permit.

The current 10,000 gallon/day treatment system consists of a flow equalization basin, extended aeration activated sludge "package" plant, final settling tank, slow surface sand filtration, sludge holding, and chlorination/dechlorination.



At the time of the inspection, the following observations were noted and discussed with you:

- All treatment units were in operation. The final effluent being discharged to the Mahoning River tributary appeared to be of satisfactory visual quality.
- As noted in prior inspections, the missing safety guards must be replaced around the blower belts. Immediate actions must be taken to correct these safety issues.

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During the inspection, I informed the gentlemen that a **Limited** Class A certificate is available for owners/operators of existing small wastewater treatment works. This limited certificate is site specific and is not transferable. The certification allows individuals, i.e. facility owner(s) and/or employee(s), with documented operating experience with their wastewater treatment works to serve as the Operator of Record for the facility. To qualify for limited certification, the operator must have been designated by the owner of the Class A wastewater treatment works to make decisions regarding the daily operational activities of the system for a period of at least twelve (12) months prior to the date the complete application is postmarked. Owners/operators meeting the eligibility requirements contained in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-7-08 **must apply** for the certificate **by no later than December 21, 2008**. After this date, owners/operators seeking a Class A certificate will be required to pass an examination. The application is available online at:

[http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagwDocuments/opcert/Limited\\_ClassA\\_Certification.pdf](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagwDocuments/opcert/Limited_ClassA_Certification.pdf)

A review of the facility's monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) received by Ohio EPA for the period September 2007 through November 2008 indicates the following violations of the effluent limitations contained in the NPDES permit:

Shortstop (3PR00162): 9/2007 - 11/2008						
Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
January 2008	001	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	15.	1/1/2008
January 2008	001	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	0.45	.48713	1/1/2008
January 2008	001	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	12.	1/1/2008
January 2008	001	CBOD 5 day	30D Qty	0.38	.3897	1/1/2008
February 2008	001	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	38.	2/1/2008
February 2008	001	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	0.45	1.88705	2/1/2008
February 2008	001	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	25.	2/1/2008
February 2008	001	CBOD 5 day	30D Qty	0.38	1.24148	2/1/2008
February 2008	001	Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc	18	38.	2/5/2008
February 2008	001	Total Suspended Solids	1D Qty	0.68	1.88705	2/5/2008
February 2008	001	CBOD 5 day	1D Conc	15	25.	2/5/2008
February 2008	001	CBOD 5 day	1D Qty	0.57	1.24148	2/5/2008
February 2008	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	4.5	2/12/2008
February 2008	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	3.8	2/19/2008
February 2008	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	4.6	2/26/2008
March 2008	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	4.1	3/18/2008
April 2008	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	4.	4/8/2008
September 2008	001	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	5.0	4.7	9/16/2008

In addition to the above, our review of the facility's data reporting procedures noted the following:

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- We understand that Valley Environmental is currently submitting the electronic DMRs (eDMRs) for the facility. Pursuant to Part III, Item 28 of your NPDES permit, "all reports submitted to the Director shall be signed and certified in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 122.22". 40 CFR 122.22 (a) states that reports for corporations can only be signed and certified by a responsible corporate officer or by a duly authorized representative of said individual. Delegations of authority must be made in writing to the Director of Ohio EPA.

Ohio EPA has recently revised the electronic data reporting process, including the assignment of Personal Identification Numbers (PINs), to comply with new federal regulations. Information regarding this new process is available at:

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/swims/eDMR/eDMR.html>

- Pursuant to the new recordkeeping requirements contained in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-7-09, specific operation and maintenance records of the treatment system must now be kept on file at the facility. The complete Operator Certification rules are available online at:

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/oac.html>.

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. Please inform this office, in writing, within 10 days of receipt of this notification as to the actions taken or proposed to address the above violation and/or deficiencies. Your response **shall** include specific dates for completion of the actions. Please be advised that past or present issues of noncompliance can continue as subjects of future enforcement actions by Ohio EPA.

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

Respectfully,



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cc: Brian Mosko, Valley Environmental Lab, Inc.  
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