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October 29, 2007

RE: RIDGE RANCH
TRUMBULL COUNTY
PERMIT NO. 3PR00310

Ms. Cheryl Morris
Ridge Ranch
5219 State Route 303
Newton Falls, OH 44444

Dear Ms. Morris:

On October 11, 2007, an inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. The facility was represented by Mr. Jack Morris and you. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the above-referenced National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

During the inspection, the following items were noted/discussed:

1. The blowers were running and the plant was receiving good aeration.
2. Both the sludge return line and the skimmer return line were properly functioning.
3. Both surface sand filter beds were free of vegetation.
4. Elapsed time meters were installed in April 2007 prior to the 2007 camping season.
5. Both a new motor and new blower were recently installed.
6. Mr. Dwayne Stull from D.K. Stull Equipment Inc. has been overseeing the operation of the plant since May 2007. Mr. Stull inspects the plant once per week to make any needed adjustments.
7. At the recommendation of Mr. Stull, lime is being added to raise the pH and the trash trap is being aerated.
8. Storm water infiltration around the dosing tank has been eliminated.
9. The schedule of compliance contained in the NPDES permit requires detail plans to be submitted to this office for sewer system improvements no later than November 1, 2007. You requested an extension to the construction schedule based on the treatment system's current effluent quality and inability to gain financial backing until the campground has been in business for five years.

This office is in receipt of your application for modification of your NPDES permit. The modification requests that the completion of construction be extended 10 months to April 1, 2009. Based on both the physical improvements made at the plant and the improved effluent data/effluent quality, this office does not object to extending the schedule of compliance to initiate and complete construction of an aerated flow equalization tank.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period October 1, 2006, through September 30, 2006, for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are as follows:

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LIMIT VIOLATIONS

<u>Station</u>	<u>Reporting Code</u>	<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Limit Type</u>	<u>Limit</u>	<u>Reported Value</u>	<u>Violation Date</u>
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	30D Conc	1000	3500.	7/1/2007
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	1D Conc	2000	3500.	7/25/2007

Please be advised that such instances of noncompliance may be cause for enforcement actions pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at (330) 963-1143.

Respectfully,



Michael W. Stevens
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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