

**Environmental  
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October 21, 2011

RE: HOLMES COUNTY  
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP  
WOODLAND INN  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3PR00327\*BD

**Notice of Violation**

**Certified Mail**

Mr. David R. Cogar  
The Woods, LLC  
P.O. Box 964  
Wooster, OH 44691

Dear Mr. Cogar:

On October 19, 2011, a site inspection was conducted at the above referenced facility at 13550 State Route 226, Washington Township, Holmes County. During the inspection, I was accompanied by Dean Stoll of Ohio EPA and Kraig Bucklew of the Holmes County Health Department. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

The 1,600 gallons per day extended aeration plant (treatment works) consists of a trash trap, aerated equalization tank, extended aeration system with clarifier, dosing chamber, surface sand filtration, chlorine disinfection, and dechlorination. Sludge management consists of transferring sludge to another treatment works when needed. The treatment works discharges to an unnamed tributary to Odell Lake.

**Observations**

The following observations were made during the inspection:

1. The treatment works was not operational as electricity was not being provided despite the Woodland Inn having electricity. Lights were observed within the Woodland Inn at the time of the inspection. **Electricity must be immediately restored to the treatment works in order to provide proper treatment of the wastewater.** Information must be submitted to Ohio EPA detailing why electricity is not being provided to the treatment works.
2. The content of the aeration tank had a septic odor and dark brown color. The blowers were not running and the treatment works was not receiving sufficient

aeration. The wastewater color and lack of aeration are indicative of a poorly operating aeration system.

3. The treatment works' pumps were not operational at the time of the inspection.
4. The chlorination and dechlorination systems were not functional. The chlorination tablets were stuck inside the application tube and were not contacting the wastewater. In addition, no dechlorination tablets were present within the application tube. The non-functional chlorination and dechlorination systems must immediately be addressed to ensure proper treatment of the wastewater.
5. On October 21, 2011, Ohio EPA contacted Kevin Dean of Dean's Backflow Service to discuss the current condition of the treatment works. Mr. Dean stated that he is no longer operating the treatment works and has not been the operator of the treatment works for many months. Information must be submitted to Ohio EPA that provides the contact information for the new operator of record for the treatment works.

**NPDES Permit Compliance Review**

A review of the electronic discharge self-monitoring reports (eDMR) received by Ohio EPA for the period September 1, 2010, through October 1, 2011, indicates that the following violations have occurred.

eDMR Reporting Violations

EDMRs for the treatment works have not been submitted to Ohio EPA for the period of March 1, 2011, to October 1, 2011. The treatment works must immediately be submitting eDMRs to Ohio EPA in accordance with the treatment works' NPDES permit. **Failure to submit eDMRs to Ohio EPA constitutes violations of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111.07 and the NPDES permit.**

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Frequency Violations

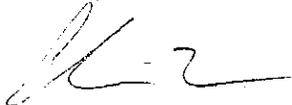
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001	00010	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	02/15/2011

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Please be aware that treatment works is currently defined in U.S. EPA's definition of "significant noncompliance" based upon the above violations. **Failure to resolve the violations will result in Ohio EPA pursuing formal enforcement, whereby violations of ORC Chapter 6111 are punishable by fines up to \$10,000 a day per violation.**

Within 14 days of receiving this notice of violation, you must submit written correspondence to Ohio EPA detailing how each violation will be resolved and the corrective action(s) that have been implemented or will be implemented to address the poor operation of the treatment works. The written report must include the date that each corrective action has been initiated or will be initiated and the information previously required to be submitted, as detailed above. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (330) 963-1118 or via e-mail at [chris.moody@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:chris.moody@epa.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,



Chris Moody  
Environmental Specialist II  
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Kraig Bucklew, Holmes County Health Department

ec: Dean Stoll, Ohio EPA

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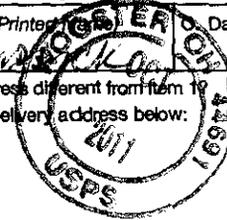
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