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October 21, 2011

RE: MEDINA COUNTY  
BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP  
STEVE'S DAKOTA GRILL  
(2809 PEARL ROAD)  
(NPDES NO. 3PR00517)

Mr. Ron Levitt, Owner  
Restaurant, Concepts & Development  
dba Steve's Dakota Grill  
PO Box 108  
Wadsworth, OH 44282

Dear Mr. Levitt:

On October 13, 2011, this writer conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) on the Steve's Dakota Grill wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), located at 2809 Pearl Road, Brunswick Hills Township.

The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the WWTP operation and maintenance, as well as the facility's compliance with effluent limits established in its recently issued NPDES permit (effective September 1, 2010). A previous O&M inspection was conducted on the WWTP on January 13, 2010.

At the time of the October 13<sup>th</sup> inspection, the following observations were made of the sewage system:

- 1) Contents trash trap were typical, although there was a thick floating scum layer which should probably be pumped out.
- 2) The aeration plant contents were medium brown in color, and were being well aerated. The return sludge line was returning brown liquid to the aeration tank, and there was no odor in the area of the WWTP.
- 3) The surface of the settling tank contents had a floating scum layer, and the skimmer was not operating. There was a thick mat of solids behind the settling tank influent baffle. The effluent trough was clean and free of solids, and there was no effluent leaving the settling tank at the time of the inspection.
- 4) Both of the sand filter dosing station pumps were on 'AUTO,' and operated properly when tested manually. The high level alarm also operated properly when manually tested.

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- 5) The surface sand filter north cell was in use, with some vegetative growth observed around the splash pad. Sand in both the north and south cells was clean and level.
- 6) Treated effluent is disinfected using tablet chlorination and dechlorination. Both units contained two tubes, with tablets, and were properly capped.
- 7) Treated discharge from the WWTP was visually clear and free of solids or foam.

A review of the electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (eDMR's) submitted for the WWTP for the period of September 1, 2010 through October 1, 2011, found the following effluent limit violations for the Dakota Grill WWTP:

**STEVE'S DAKOTA GRILL**  
**NPDES PERMIT NO. 3PR00517**  
**REPORTING FREQUENCY VIOLATIONS**  
**(SEP. 1, 2010 TO OCT. 1, 2011)**

Reporting Period	Reporting Code	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Expected	Reported	Violation Date
August 2011	31616	Fecal Coliform	1/Quarter	1	0	08/01/2011

\*\*NOTE: No effluent numeric or reporting code violations for the period.

Based upon results of the October 13<sup>th</sup> inspection, the following items need to be addressed:

- 1) The settling tank contents should be pumped on a regular basis.
- 2) The solids buildup behind the settling tank influent baffle needs to be removed, and the area kept free of solids buildup.
- 3) The skimmer in the settling tank should be kept operational at all times, to prevent the buildup of a scum layer on the settling tank contents. The scum could be washed out onto the sand filters during periods of high flow, potentially causing plugging and overflow.

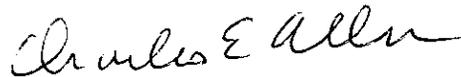
Please be reminded that the NPDES permit issued for the facility, which went effective September 1, 2010, will expire August 31, 2015. As was agreed upon with permit issuance, the WWTP is to be abandoned, and connection made to sanitary sewers, by the NPDES permit expiration date.

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Operation and Maintenance practices on the WWTP should continue to be implemented, which will enable the Dakota Grill WWTP to continuously meet its NPDES Permit effluent limits.

Should there be any questions or comments regarding this correspondence, please contact this office.

Respectfully,



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