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May 5, 2010

Re: Pretreatment
Valley Farm Meats
Sampling Inspection
Village of Strasburg

Mr. Paul Berry, President
Valley Farm Meats
1317 North Wooster Avenue
Strasburg, Ohio 44680

Dear Mr. Berry:

On April 6, 2010, Ohio EPA conducted a compliance sampling inspection at Valley Farm Meats. The inspection was conducted to determine the facility's compliance with federal and state pretreatment regulations and its Indirect Discharge Permit (IDP). You and Jack Underwood, Supervisor, represented Valley Farm Meats during the inspection. A copy of the analytical results is attached. The analytical results showed the discharge was in compliance with IDP effluent limitations at the time of the inspection. However, Valley Farm Meats was in violation of several terms and conditions of its IDP at the time of the inspection.

General Facility Description:

Valley Farm Meats produces packaged meats for retail sales in at the facility as well as for distribution and wholesale sales. Hogs and cattle are the primary animals processed, though goats and sheep may occasionally be processed. Operations include slaughtering, cutting, cooking, curing and packaging. Wastewater is generated from wash down of animal manure from storage pens, slaughtering and butchering, and cleanup and sanitation of equipment. Blood, hair, and paunch manure are isolated from the wastewater streams.

Process wastewaters are routed to a pretreatment system. Pretreatment consists of an in ground grease interceptor, rotary screen, micro screen, aeration and chemical oxidation, and final polishing with a sand filter. The aeration and chemical oxidation stage is performed in two 9600 gallon tanks using batch treatment. Ferric chloride may be added to enhance settling in the tanks after treatment. An automatic sampler and flow meter are used for monitoring the discharge.

The Village of Strasburg collects monthly samples and arranges for analysis at a contract laboratory for all pollutants listed in the IDP monitoring table. Valley Farm Meats does not perform self monitoring.

Valley Farm Meats discharges all wastewaters to the Strasburg Sanitary sewer. The facility is regulated as a significant industrial user and holds an Ohio EPA Indirect Discharge Permit, which was issued on November 17, 2008.

Required Actions:

1. Valley Farm Meats is required in Part III, Paragraph 3 of its IDP to submit effluent monitoring reports during the months of January and July of each year. The Village of Strasburg collects monthly samples for all pollutants listed in the IDP monitoring table on behalf of Valley Farm Meats. The Village of Strasburg indicated that Coshocton Environmental Testing (CET) is the contract laboratory which performs the analyses of your samples. It may be possible for you to contract with CET to prepare and submit the effluent monitoring reports on your behalf. Valley Farm Meats has not submitted the required monitoring reports for July 2009 or January 2010. Please complete and submit these reports to Ohio EPA within 60 days.
2. Valley Farm Meats was required in Part I.B, Paragraph 2 to develop an Operation and Maintenance Manual for its wastewater pretreatment system and submit the manual to Ohio EPA by the end of June, 2009. According to our records, we have not received the manual to date. Please develop and submit the Operation and Maintenance manual within 90 days.
3. The automatic sampling equipment was in need of repairs. The insulated door on the housing for the automatic sampler was off its hinges. Please repair the housing door to protect the sampler from inclement weather. The temperature in the refrigeration unit was 50 degrees. The refrigeration unit should remain at approximately 40 degrees Fahrenheit during sample collection for proper sample preservation. Please determine if the unit is still able to maintain the proper temperature. Please have the unit repaired if necessary. Please notify Ohio EPA when these actions have been completed.
4. Records pertaining to wastewater treatment and sampling and sludge disposal should be retained for a minimum of 3 years in accordance with Part III, Paragraph 6 of the IDP. Please describe the methods of sludge and grease disposal from the treatment system, provide estimated monthly sludge and grease volumes, and provide a list of all sludge and grease haulers employed by Valley Farm Meats. The information requested above should be provided within 60 days.

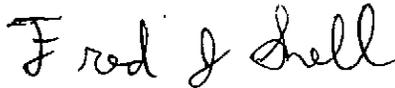
Comments:

1. During the inspection I observed sludge from the sand filter stored in open drums stored outdoors next to the sand filter. The drums are exposed to precipitation which will make handling more difficult. The drums are vulnerable to tipping which could release sludge onto the surrounding area. Sludge handling improvements are strongly recommended.

2. You raised some concerns during the inspection regarding water billing and wastewater discharge management requirements which involve the Village of Strasburg. It may be beneficial to arrange a meeting with Ohio EPA, the Village of Strasburg, and Valley Farm Meats to discuss those concerns. Please notify me if you would like my assistance in scheduling a meeting.

Please respond to this letter, in writing, within 30 days. You may contact me at (740) 380-5423 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Fred J. Snell
Pretreatment Coordinator
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

c: Ron Lambert, Utility Superintendent, Village of Strasburg
c: Pretreatment Unit, DSW, CO

Pretreatment Compliance Inspection Report

A. NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING

Permit No.	NPDES No.	Date	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
ODP00054*AP	OHP000236	April 6, 2010	2	S	2

B. FACILITY DATA

Name & Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Valley Farm Meats, Inc. 1317 North Wooster Avenue Strasburg, Ohio 44680	10:30 a.m.	January 1, 2009
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	12:00 p.m.	December 31, 2013

Name(s) & Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)
Paul Berry, President	(330) 878-5557
Jack Underwood, Maintenance Supervisor	
Name, Address, & Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Paul Berry, President	(330) 878-5557

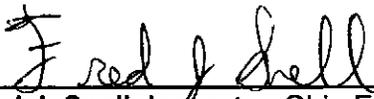
C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

<u> M </u> Permit	<u> S </u> Flow Measurement	<u> S </u> Pretreatment
<u> U </u> Records/Reports	<u> S </u> Laboratory	<u> M </u> Compliance Schedules
<u> M </u> Operations & Maintenance	<u> S </u> Effluent/Receiving Waters	<u> NA </u> Self-Monitoring Program
<u> M </u> Facility Site Review	<u> M </u> Sludge Storage/Disposal	<u> </u> Other
<u> S </u> Collection System		

(S = Satisfactory; M = Marginal; U = Unsatisfactory; N = Not Evaluated; N/A = Not Applicable)

D. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS/COMMENTS (attach additional sheets if necessary)

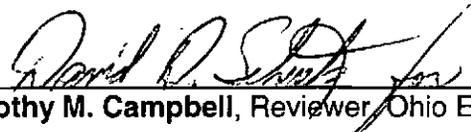
See attached letter.



 Fred J. Snell, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

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 Date



 Timothy M. Campbell, Reviewer, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

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