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May 28, 2009

Re: Athens County
Classic Brands
General NPDES OGV00031*AF
Compliance Evaluation Inspection
Correspondence (PWW)

Mr. Mark Bisang
Classic Brands
6441 Woodbrook Road
Albany, Ohio 45710

Dear Mr. Bisang:

On May 19, 2009, I conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) of the sewage treatment plant (STP) at Classic Brands. You represented the facility on the inspection.

The purpose of the inspection was to gather information for the Permit to Install application for a new sewage treatment system currently under review and to evaluate the facility's status of compliance with the NPDES permit, federal number OHV000001, state number OGV00031*AG. Wastewater samples were not taken as the STP was not discharging on the day of the inspection. A copy of the inspection report form is attached. Based on the inspection, and a review of the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) data and the permit, the facility appeared to be in non-compliance on the day of the inspection, due to missing a compliance schedule deadline and the reported quality of the discharge.

As a result of the inspection and file review, I have the following comments:

1. This facility has a general NPDES permit which only requires **monitoring** of the discharge. There are no numerical effluent limitations that must be met. The permit includes a compliance schedule to upgrade the STP to meet certain design effluent limits. The purpose of this permit is to give a facility with an outdated sewage system time to evaluate their STP and upgrade the system to meet standard effluent limitations. The permittee is given one permit cycle (5 years) until they upgrade. Once the upgrade is completed, the facility will be issued a different general NPDES permit for upgraded facilities, which contains effluent limitations that must be met.

2. The monitoring that has been done as required by the NPDES permit shows that if there were the standard effluent limitations for this type of facility, the discharge would be in violation. However, since there are no limits in the permit, there are no violations. The sample results do show, however, that there are problems with the existing system and an upgrade is needed.
3. As stated above, the NPDES permit includes a compliance schedule to upgrade the STP. Although Classic Brands missed the first compliance deadline of submitting plans for the upgrade, which should have been done by 3/1/09, a Permit to Install (PTI) application was submitted on 4/21/09. Therefore, although late, this milestone has been complied with. The fact it was late is a violation of the NPDES permit. Every effort must be made to meet the remaining deadlines.
4. As stated above, a PTI for the upgrade has been submitted. In the meantime every effort must be made to operate the existing system. The weeds in the filter area must be removed. Also, make sure chlorination is adequate by adding tablets when needed to the chlorinator.
5. This STP is designed to treat sewage only. Disposal of any other waste, such as expired beer, is not allowed by the NPDES permit.
6. Rick Verholz, a class III wastewater operator, has been hired by Classic Brands to operate this system.
7. A review of the PTI for the upgrade is underway. Comments regarding the design will be forwarded to you and the consultant soon.

Please respond, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of this report, to Item 4 listed above. If you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5284 at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Ms. Abbot Stevenson
Environmental Engineer
Permits and Enforcement Section
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

c: Gary Silcott, Stantec

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

A. NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING

Permit No.	NPDES No.	Date	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
OGV00031*AG	OHV000001	May 19, 2009	C	S	2

B. FACILITY DATA

Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Classic Brands 6441 Woodbrook Road Albany, Ohio 45710	8:05 a.m.	September 1, 2008
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	8:45 a.m.	December 31, 2009

Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)
Mark Bisang, General Manager	
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Mark Bisang, General Manager Classic Brands 6441 Woodbrook Road Albany, Ohio 45710	(740) 698-2176

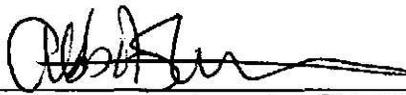
C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

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

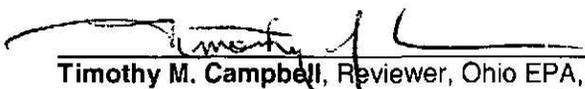
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)

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

- O&M - See attached letter, Item #4.
- Effluent - See attached letter, Item #3.


 Abbot Stevenson, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

5/27/09
 Date


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

5/28/09
 Date