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Re: Belmont County
American Energy Corp., Century Mine
Notice of Violation
0IL00091*GD
Correspondence (IWW)

Mr. Ryan Murray
American Energy Corp., Century Mine
43521 Mayhugh Hill Road
Beallsville, Ohio 43716

Dear Mr. Murray:

We have received your self-monitoring reports covering the months of October 2008 through May 2009 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance and/or deficiencies are as follows:

Outfall	Parameter	Type	Limit	Units	Reported	Date
December 2008						
008	Manganese, Total	30D Conc	2000	ug/L	2150	12/1/2008
January 2009						
017	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6	mg/L	4	1/21/2009
February 2009						
015	Manganese, Total	30D Conc	2000	ug/L	2350	2/1/2009

NOTES:
1D Conc = Daily Average Concentration Value
1D Qty = Daily Average Loading Value
7D Conc = Weekly Average Concentration Value
7D Qty = Weekly Average Loading Value
30D Conc = Monthly Average Concentration Value
30D Qty = Monthly Average Loading Value

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations or to satisfy the monitoring or reporting requirements of your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111.

Failure to report violations of the effluent limitations is also a violation of your NPDES permit. Please review Part 3 of the NPDES permit for reporting requirements.

We have reviewed your report addressing the reasons for the above violations and the actions being taken to prevent further occurrences. Hopefully, these actions will prevent any recurrence so that enforcement action will not be required. No additional information is requested at this time.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5284.

Sincerely,

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

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c: Fred Blumling, American Energy Corp.