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November 13, 2009

Re: Coshocton County
Coshocton Ethanol
Reconnaissance Inspection
Correspondence (IWW)

Mr. Eric Chaffer, Plant Manager
Coshocton Ethanol, LLC
18137 County Road 271
Coshocton, Ohio 43812

Dear Mr. Chaffer:

On October 15, 2009, Ohio EPA conducted a Reconnaissance Inspection at the Coshocton Ethanol facility in Coshocton County. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with terms and conditions of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit number 01N00260*AD.

The following list summarizes violations which have been reported through Monthly Operating Reports (MORs) since October 1, 2008:

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	35	50.25	10/1/2008
001	00400	pH	1D Conc	9.0	9.09	10/22/2008
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc	70	189.	10/29/2008
001	00400	pH	1D Conc	9.0	9.08	11/12/2008
001	00400	pH	1D Conc	9.0	9.22	11/19/2008
001	00400	pH	1D Conc	6.5	3.19	12/24/2008

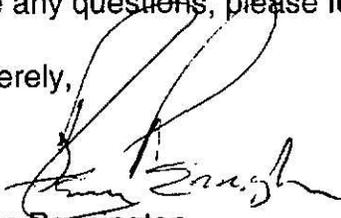
The Ethanol Facility has not reportedly been in production since the end of 2008.

We discussed the conditions of the existing cooling water pond associated with outfall 001. Coshocton Ethanol identified that the contractor had installed synthetic liner on sand bedding in lieu of the 18" clay liner approved by the Permit to Install. It seems the liner is failing with significant loss of water; it is believed that the liner was simply lapped instead of incorporating an adhesive seal. In addition to the liner issue, the North side crest elevation of the pond is approximately a foot lower than the rest of the crest. Coshocton Ethanol inquired about what process is required to correct for these issues. Both items can be addressed as maintenance items. The additional foot of crest elevation could be accommodated with some grading and manipulation of the liner. The

existing liner could possibly be seamed with an appropriate adhesive (possibly after the use of a cleaner), or an additional liner system could be incorporated. I would ask that you continue to keep the agency informed of the status of these maintenance tasks.

The assistance and cooperation received during the inspection was appreciated. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (740) 380-5272.

Sincerely,



Aaron Pennington
District Representative
Division of Surface Water

AP/dh

Enclosures

c: Tom Taylor, Coshocton Ethanol LLC (w/enclosure)

NPDES
Compliance Inspection Report

A. NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING

Permit No.	NPDES No.	Date	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
0IN00260*AD	OH0135330	October 15, 2009	R	S	2

B. FACILITY DATA

Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Coshocton Ethanol, LLC 18137 C.R. 271 Coshocton, Ohio 43812	11:00 a.m.	October 1, 2007
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	11:50 a.m.	September 30, 2012

Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)
Jim Powell Tom Taylor, EHS Manager	(740) 623-3066
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Eric Chaffer, Plant Manager	(740) 623-3042

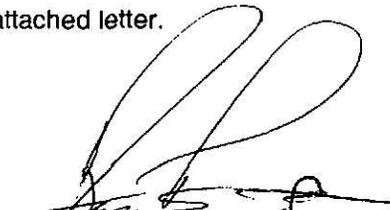
C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

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

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

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

See attached letter.



Aaron M. Pennington, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

11-13-09

Date



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

11/13/09

Date