



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

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December 12, 2008

**Re:** Scioto County  
Haverhill Apartments  
NPDES 0PW00021\*AD  
Expired Permit/Inspection  
Correspondence (PWW)

Mr. Ronald Brown  
1555 Gallia Pike  
Haverhill, Ohio 45636

Mr. Brown:

This letter is being sent as a follow-up to inspections made at the Haverhill Apartments on July 24, October 29, and November 17, 2008.

During the visit on July 24, 2008, the following observations were made:

1. Vegetation had overgrown the area of the plant;
2. Dosing pumps were inoperable;
3. Chlorine tablets were not present in the chlorine contact tank;
4. The plant's sand filters were covered with sludge; and
5. No security was in place around your plant.

It appeared that some effort was being made to repair the dosing pump control panel, as a new panel was on the ground and wiring had been removed from the existing panel. At that time, you were instructed to seek the assistance of a certified operator to help get the plant in acceptable, functioning condition, and contact me with details. You had indicated that you would make the contacts necessary to obtain the services of an operator. You were also informed of the following issues regarding your NPDES permit:

1. Your permit expired on April 30, 2007. You were sent a letter reminding you of this pending expiration on July 5, 2006. However, no action was taken by you to submit the required application no later than 180 days prior to the expiration date. To date, Ohio EPA has not received the required individual NPDES permit application. Consequently, you are discharging without a permit violating Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111.04. You are subject to penalties of up to \$10,000 dollars per day of violation.
2. Your expired NPDES permit required that you complete daily flow estimates, weekly effluent observations, and quarterly sampling of your plant's effluent. This information was required to be reported in accordance with the terms of your

permit. Ohio EPA's records indicate that Haverhill Apartments did not submit any of the reports required by the expired permit. During conversation with you on at least one of the inspections, you stated that you had not been performing the sampling, estimates, and observations.

As mentioned above, you are currently discharging without the required permit and subject to penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation per day. You are advised to immediately resume the sampling as required by your expired permit and submit the required reports.

During the October 29, 2008 visit, the following observations were made:

1. The plant's grass was mowed.
2. The new dosing system control panel had been installed.
3. Sludge had been removed from the sand filters, but a pipe was present that appeared to be bypassing the sand filters.
4. Despite the installation of the new control panel, the dosing pumps were still inoperable. You stated that twice per day, you plugged in a sump pump to dose the filters. You were informed that this was not acceptable, and that the system must be repaired.
5. Chlorine tablets were not submerged in the dosing tank tube. One tablet was present, but it was wedged in a way that prevented contact with the plant effluent.
6. No dechlorination tablets were present.
7. The effluent was dark brown in color, and odors were strong.

You were informed that in two weeks, a follow-up visit would be performed, and that all repairs needed to be made by then. You were also reminded that you were to contact me with information about the contract operator you were to hire. You informed me that they were too expensive.

On November 17, 2008, the following observations were made:

1. The dosing pumps had been repaired, and the dosing pumps were operating correctly;
2. Chlorine tablets were still not replaced;
3. Dechlorination tablets were not replaced;
4. The effluent was dark brown; and
5. There appeared to be problems with general operation of the plant – solids settling appeared to be inefficient with most passing through to the sand filters.

As we discussed during the November 17, 2008 visit, you must complete the following actions NO LATER THAN December 31, 2008:

1. Take all necessary action to rehabilitate the plant to produce a good-quality effluent capable of meeting permit limits;
2. Submit all required reports to this office;
3. Provide a detailed, written report explaining the reason for all missing reports, as detailed above; and
4. Submit an individual NPDES permit application to this office. A copy of the application is attached.

Should you fail to meet the deadlines provided above, a recommendation will be made to escalate enforcement action for your facility. As noted above, penalties include a maximum fine of \$10,000 per violation, per day.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5447.

Sincerely,



Mike Yandrich  
District Representative  
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

**NPDES  
Compliance Inspection Report**

**A. NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING**

Permit No.	NPDES No.	Date	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
0PW00021*AD	OH0125059	November 17, 2008	C	S	2

**B. FACILITY DATA**

Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Haverhill Apartments 1555 Gallia Pike Haverhill, Ohio 45636	2:00 PM	May 1, 2002
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	2:30 PM	April 30, 2007

Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)
Ron Brown, Owner	740-479-1426
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Same as above	(740) 355-8233

**C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION**

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

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

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

Expired permit, no renewal received. No maintenance or sampling performed. No reports submitted. See attached letter.



Michael Yandrich, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

12-5-08

Date



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

12/5/08

Date