



Environmental
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor
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April 19, 2011

RE: TUSCARAWAS COUNTY
NEWCOMERSTOWN WWTP
NPDES PERMIT NO. OH0026689
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. OPD00024*KD
SEWAGE SLUDGE INSPECTION

Mayor and Council
City of Newcomerstown
124 West Church Street
Newcomerstown, Ohio 43832

Dear Mayor and Council:

On April 5, 2011, a sewage sludge inspection was conducted in order to determine compliance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-40, Ohio's sewage sludge rules, at the Newcomerstown wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). The City of Newcomerstown was represented by Ken Schweitzer, Interim Superintendent; Don Walkup, Operator; Jim Friel, Board of Public Affairs, who provided information regarding the WWTP's sewage sludge operations and records. Mr. Schweitzer will remain the interim superintendent until June 19, 2011. Mr. Walkup will become the next interim superintendent effective June 20, 2011 until September 20, 2011. The sewage sludge inspection consisted of a review of the WWTP's contact information, completion of a compliance checklist, a review of sewage sludge records, and an evaluation of the sewage sludge treatment units.

WWTP information

The WWTP has a design treatment capacity of 1.25 million gallons of wastewater per day and currently treats approximately 400,000 to 500,000 gallons of wastewater per day. Sewage sludge is treated within two aerobic digesters (total capacity of 400,000 gallons each) and one belt filter press. The WWTP has an additional three aerobic digesters (total capacity of 180,000 gallons) available for treatment that are currently offline. Onsite sewage sludge storage capacity is approximately one hundred eighty days.

Sewage Sludge Management

Dewatered sewage sludge is transported by J&J Refuse to the Kimble Sanitary Landfill (CID: 42709), located in Dover, Tuscarawas County, Ohio. Sewage sludge is transported to the Kimble Sanitary Landfill for disposal, on average, biweekly.

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Appropriate records are maintained by the WWTP that documents sewage sludge disposal.

New Sewage Sludge Rules

Please be aware that Ohio EPA's new sewage sludge rules will go effective July 1, 2011. Ohio EPA recommends that the WWTP review the new sewage sludge rules as they may affect the WWTP's current sewage sludge management program. For your convenience, the new sewage sludge rules can be located near the bottom of the following website:

http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/rules/3745_40.aspx

Overall, the WWTP appears to be in compliance with OAC rule 3745-40. Should you have any questions regarding the sewage sludge inspection, please contact me at (330) 963-1118 or via email at chris.moody@epa.state.oh.us or Jacob Howdysshell at (614) 644-2018 or via email at jacob.howdysshell@epa.state.oh.us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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