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August 9, 2007

Re: Washington County
Stacy Meadowcrest
Complaint Investigation
Correspondence (PWW)

Mr. Larry Steinel, Commissioner
Washington County Commissioners
223 Putnam Street
Marietta, Ohio 45750

Dear Mr. Steinel:

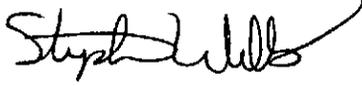
On August 1, 2007, I conducted a complaint investigation at the Washington County Commissioners' Stacy Meadowcrest wastewater treatment plant. As a result of my complaint investigation, I have the following comments:

1. It appears the sludge drying beds are not operating properly. The concrete block walls appear to have leaked. Also, it is not apparent how the supernatant is returned to the treatment plant. Please inform this office on the condition of walls and if any repairs will be completed and how the supernatant from the sludge area is returned to the plant.
2. There was a blue hose hooked up to the pipe leading to the sand filters that bypassed the sand filters and chlorine contact tank. The discharge from this hose would be a violation of the NPDES Permit due to bypassing treatment. If the sand filters or chlorine contact needs to be bypassed Washington County needs to inform this office.
3. The complaint also stated that the sand filters will overflow at times. The overflow of the sand filters to the ground is also a violation of the NPDES Permit and needs to be reported to this office.
4. It also appeared that the joints of the concrete walls need to be repaired to prevent the leaking of wastewater from the sand filters onto the ground. Please inform this office if the walls of the sand filters are leaking and what steps will be taken to stop the leaking.
5. There is a large pile of sand located by the sand filters. Is this filter sand which has been removed from the beds or sand to be used in the filters?

Please respond in writing to above comments within 15 days of receipt of this letter to this office.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (740) 380-5434.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Wells". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephen Wells
District Representative
Division of Surface Water

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c: Lila Follet, Operator