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Re: Washington County
White Oak Sewer Association
Reconnaissance Inspection
Correspondence (PWW)
Certified: 70073020000178848159

Mr. Jean Yost
White Oak Sewer Association
P.O. Box 5
Barlow, Ohio 45712

Dear Mr. Yost:

On September 1, 2009, Steve Wells, of this office, and I met with you at the White Oak Sewer Association's sewage treatment plant. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss your compliance status with NPDES Permit Number OPX00007 and the Ohio Water Pollution Control Act, Revised Code Chapter 6111. We discussed in detail:

- The operation of the plant.
- Submittal of monthly operating reports to Ohio EPA.
- Connection of your system to the county sewer system.

As you will recall, we requested that you immediately hire a certified operator and begin submitting monthly operating reports. You have yet to complete either of these tasks as of the date of this letter.

Regarding the connection to the county sewer system, we requested that this be completed by October 31, 2009. I understand that you initiated discussions with the county, but that the connection has not been made.

On December 15, 2009, I conducted a follow-up inspection and found the plant in worse condition than it was in September; the aeration tank blowers were not operating and raw sewage was making its way to the creek.

Because of your recalcitrance, I am recommending formal enforcement that would require you to comply with the Ohio Water Pollution Control Act, Revised Code Chapter 6111. I encourage you to connect your system to the county as soon as possible. You should also repair and properly operate the treatment plant until the connection is completed.

Sincerely,

Timothy M. Campbell, P.E.
Water Quality Engineer
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