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Ted Strickland, Governor
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January 4, 2008

Re: Meigs County
Pomeroy WWTP
Compliance Inspection
NPDES Permit No. 0PB00032*GD
Correspondence (PWW)

Mayor and Council
Village of Pomeroy
320 East Main Street
P.O. Box 666
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769

Mayor and Council:

On November 14, 2007, I conducted an inspection of Pomeroy's wastewater treatment plant located at 500 Spring Valley Lane. This inspection was conducted in response to observations made during an unannounced visit on October 17. The inspection was conducted to determine compliance with NPDES permit No. 0PB00032*GD (expired) and ORC chapter 6111. Mr. John Anderson accompanied me through the plant at that time.

During the October 17 visit, the plant was found to be in an unacceptable condition, apparently due to neglect and overall lack of attention and maintenance. The following problems were noted at that time:

1. Large quantities of solids were escaping the one clarifier that was in operation. Other clarifiers were not operating at all;
2. The chlorine contact tank was full of solids (this problem was also noted in the previous inspection conducted on March 22, 2007);
3. The overflow weir from the chlorine contact tank was obstructed by heavy algae growth;
4. Sludge was built up in the clarifier, with solids also floating on the surface of the wastewater.

In follow-up conversations with Mr. Anderson, he indicated that he had indeed not been maintaining the plant as necessary. He indicated that he was overwhelmed and would be requesting additional funding for at least one other position to help with WWTP upkeep.

The November 14 inspection revealed major improvements in the plant's condition. Despite the improvements in the condition of the WWTP, the following comments need to be addressed:

1. There is a pipe that appears to be discharging to the Ohio River. There is a strong odor of untreated sewage at this point. During the November 14 inspection, Mr. Anderson was asked to sample this location for, at a minimum, fecal coliform. Please provide the results of this investigation.
2. The #3 clarifier scum baffle was damaged and ineffective at the time of the inspection. Mr. Anderson indicated that this item was to be repaired in the near future. Please provide the date that this baffle was repaired or replaced. Also, please provide a description of any other non-routine repairs made at the plant since the November 14 inspection.
3. Ohio EPA has, during past visits, inspected several of the Village's lift stations, including the operation of alarms. It is expected that all lift stations will be maintained in good working condition and tested and inspected on a regular basis. This includes the operation of all alarms and standby pumps. Please provide documentation of the Village's procedures and frequencies for testing all alarms and pumps at each lift station for proper operation.

The Village of Pomeroy's Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) was submitted for Ohio EPA review on April 24, 2007; the plan was due on June 30, 2005. Ohio EPA is nearing completion of the review of this LTCP, and will be providing written comments in the near future. The Village should anticipate approval of this plan and make efforts to move forward with a complete separation of the combined sewer system. We are also working to issue draft NPDES permit 0PB00032*HD in the near future.

Please respond to this letter by January 31, 2008. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (740) 380-5447.

Sincerely,



Michael 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
0PB00032*GD	OH0021725	November 14, 2007	C	S	1

B. FACILITY DATA

Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Pomeroy Wastewater Treatment Plant 500 Spring Valley Lane Pomeroy, Ohio 45769	11:00 a.m.	October 1, 2003
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	12:00 p.m.	June 30, 2005

Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)
John Anerson, Village Administrator	(740) 992-2166
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Mayor and Council, Village of Pomeroy 320 East Main Street, P.O. Box 666 Pomeroy, Ohio 45769	(740) 992-2246

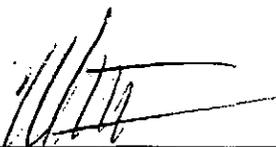
C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

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

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

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

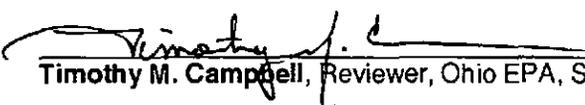
See attached inspection letter.



Mike Yandrich, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

11/3/08

Date



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

11/3/08

Date