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March 24, 2009

**Re: Meigs County
Rocksprings Rehabilitation Center
Compliance Inspection
NPDES Permit 0PX00014*BD
Correspondence (PWW)**

Ms. Stephanie Clealand, Administrator
Rocksprings Rehabilitation Center
36759 Rocksprings Road
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769

Ms. Clealand:

On February 12, 2009, Ohio EPA conducted an inspection of Rocksprings Rehabilitation Center's wastewater treatment plant. The inspection focused on plant condition, operation, and maintenance. Your facility's NPDES permit was reviewed, as well as all required records.

Based on observations made at that time, the following violation of NPDES permit 0PX00014*BD was noted:

1. You are required to observe and record outfall 001 effluent characteristics on a daily basis per Part I, A of your permit (color, odor, turbidity, flow rate). Based on our conversation with Mr. Rosser, these observations and records are not being conducted and kept. You are advised to seek the assistance of your contract operator, Willie Hale, for guidance on developing an appropriate form and schedule for recording these records. Rocksprings Rehabilitation Center must begin making the observations, recording, and reporting the results immediately. For flow rate, the easiest method would be to record the reading on the facility's water meter at the same time each day.

The following comments pertain to maintenance issues noted during the inspection:

2. The dosing tank located at the head of the plant has shifted to the point that is noticeably unlevel. This has also compromised much of the piping associated with the tank. This plant is relatively new, and the manufacturer/installer should be contacted to correct this situation. Failure to do so may result in unintentional but illegal bypasses at the plant. The company that installed the plant may correct this under warranty.

3. At the time of the inspection, the aerator on the dosing tank was not running. Mr. Rosser stated that this pump was on a timer. It is recommended that this pump be kept running at all times in order to improve effluent quality from the plant.

It was also noted that the belt running this pump was in poor condition and like on the verge of failure. All equipment (tanks, belts, pumps, motors, piping, etc.) should be inspected on a regular schedule and repaired as necessary.

4. The UV disinfection chamber was partially submerged by rainwater. It appears that either proper drainage was not provided when this system was installed, or the drain for the dry well is currently plugged. Please look into this matter and take corrective measures as necessary. Submersion of this UV system may cause premature and costly failure.

Please provide a response to the three comments, above, within 30 days of the date of this letter. A copy of the inspection report is enclosed for your records. If you have any questions or need assistance, 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
0PX00014*BD	OH0125075	February 12, 2009	C	S	Z 1

B. FACILITY DATA

Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Rocksprings Rehabilitation Center 36759 Rocksprings Road Pomeroy, Ohio 45769	~1:00 p.m.	September 1, 2008
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	~2:00 p.m.	August 31, 2013

Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)
Mark Rosser	(740) 992-6606
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Stephanie Clealand	(740) 992-6606

C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

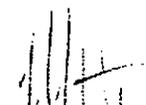
<u>S</u> Permit	<u>U</u> Flow Measurement	<u>NA</u> Pretreatment
<u>M</u> Records/Reports	<u>NA</u> Laboratory	<u>NA</u> Compliance Schedules
<u>M*</u> Operations & Maintenance	<u>S</u> Effluent/Receiving Waters	<u>S</u> Self-Monitoring Program
<u>M*</u> Facility Site Review	<u>S</u> Sludge Storage/Disposal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

* Plant has experienced shifting in the dosing tank; UV system partially submerged; Wear items need to be maintained/replaced



Michael Yandrich, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

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Date



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

3/24/08

Date