



NOTICE OF VIOLATION

August 1, 2013

Re: Lake Erie Utilities WWTP
NPDES Permit No. 2PR00057*FD

Mr. Richard O'Laughlin, President
Lake Erie Utilities Company
PO Box 29
Middle Bass Island, OH 43446

Dear Mr. O'Laughlin:

A reconnaissance inspection (RI) in October 2012 and subsequent review of your operation records (July 2012 to September 2012) and discharge monitoring reports indicate you are in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rules.

The RI and review of your records indicates the following:

1. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-7-09(A)(3)(b), operation records shall at a minimum contain the dates and times of arrival and departure for the operator of record (ORC) and any other operator required by this chapter. A review of the operation records indicated Christina Faith and John Shrenk made entries in the logbook, but neither documented times of departure and John Shrenk did not document times of arrival.
2. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-7-03(C), Lake Erie Utilities is a Class 1 facility and is required to have an ORC physically present at the facility three days per week for a minimum of 1.5 hours per week. A review of the operations and maintenance records indicates the minimum staffing requirements were not met.
3. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-7-09(A)(3)(c), operation records shall at a minimum contain specific operation and maintenance activities that affect or have the potential to affect the quality or quantity of sewage conveyed or effluent produced. A review of the operation records indicates a minimal amount of operation and maintenance activities were included in the facility log book. During the period of this records audit, an inspection was conducted and the old plant was found to be in unacceptable condition. There were no notations in the records regarding

this condition. A review of the file indicates a number of effluent violations for Nitrogen, Ammonia and Total Suspended Solids have been occurring at the facility. Increased attention to the maintenance of the facility may prevent future violations for these parameters.

4. In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-7-09(A)(3)(c), operation records shall at a minimum contain records regarding the performance of preventative maintenance and repairs or requests for repair of the equipment that affect or have the potential to affect the quality or quantity of sewage conveyed or effluent produced. A review of the operation records indicates limited entries regarding the performance of preventative maintenance and repairs or requests for repair of the equipment were included in the facility log book. During the period of this records audit, an inspection was conducted and the old plant was found to be in unacceptable condition. There were no notations in the records regarding this condition or requests to repair the conditions.

Please provide a written response **within 15 days** of the date of this letter indicating the steps you will take to ensure compliance with the requirements above.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (614) 728-1216.

Sincerely,



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