



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
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January 30, 2012

RE: LORAIN COUNTY  
COLUMBIA TWP.  
VFW POST 9340  
25742 ROYALTON RD.  
NPDES NO. 3PR00506

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

VFW Post 9340  
25742 Royalton Road  
Columbia Station, OH 44028  
Attn: Joe Kenik, Post Commander

Dear Mr. Kenik:

On January 18, 2012, a compliance inspection was conducted by this writer, and Mr. John Sabo of the Lorain County Health Department, on the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) serving the VFW Post 9340, located at 25742 Royalton Road, Columbia Township, Lorain County. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the WWTP's operation and maintenance condition, and to evaluate compliance with your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge.

After the inspection a brief meeting was held with acting Post Commander Dave Carroll, to discuss the need for the Post to submit a required form naming the licensed operator of record (ORC) for the WWTP. Mr. Carroll was given form EPA 5121, the ORC Notification Form, which was required to be submitted by the Post, in Director's Findings and Orders issued in May 2011.

At the time of the January 18<sup>th</sup> inspection, the following observations were made:

- 1) The trash trap was in use, and contents were typical.
- 2) The aeration tank was being aerated, and contents of the aeration tank were dark brownish gray in color. The return sludge line was operational, returning a clear liquid. It is noted the motor / blower was very noisy during operation. **The motor / blower bearings should be checked for proper lubrication or wear, to prevent possible failure of the unit.**
- 3) The settling tank contents were slightly turbid, and the effluent trough was clean and free of solids. The skimmer was operating, returning a clear liquid to the aeration tank.
- 4) The pumps in the sand filter dosing station were in the 'AUTO' mode, and when manually tested, were operational. The high level indicator operated when checked, but **the high level indicator light did not work and should be replaced.**
- 5) The surface sand filter east cell was being dosed, and the sand was free of solids or vegetation. **The sand filter west cell contained some vegetation, which should be removed.**

6) The effluent Ultra Violet (UV) disinfection unit was not in use, as disinfection is not required November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

A surface water information management system (SWIMS) computer search for the operating data for the WWTP (submittal as required by the NPDES permit to be reported to Ohio EPA) was conducted prior to the inspection. The electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) data search covered the period of January 1, 2010, through January 1, 2012. Results of the search found no such data was submitted to Ohio EPA for VFW Post 9340 WWTP.

**Please be advised that non-reporting of required parameters is a violation of the NPDES permit as well and is subject to enforcement action.**

Please inform this office in writing, within fourteen days of the receipt of this correspondence, as to the reasons why the required monitoring and reporting is not being conducted.

**Failure to respond in a timely manner to either of the requirements contained in this correspondence may initiate further enforcement action by this Agency.**

If there are questions or comments regarding the contents of this letter, please contact this office.

Respectfully,



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Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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cc: John Sabo, Lorain County Health Department

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