



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Erie County  
Orchard Beach  
NPDES Permit

February 13, 2012

Mr. Tim Neher, Vice President  
Orchard Beach Homeowners Association  
67 Parkway Drive  
Vermilion, Ohio 44089

Dear Mr. Neher:

On February 2, 2012, an inspection was made of the wastewater treatment facilities serving Orchard Beach and the VCC. I found the flow equalization chamber overflowing and observed diluted raw sewage draining into the catch basin at Ridsen Road. I informed Eastwood Environmental, who investigated and discovered a broken line and what appears to be a leak in the tank. The repairs should be made as soon as possible, and this office informed upon completion. This latest incident is disappointing, as previous efforts to eliminate excessive clean water have been made in order to prevent additional overflows.

At the time of my visit, a clear final effluent was observed in the contact tank. One of the sand filters was ponded. NPDES permit monthly discharge monitoring reports are being received and indicated compliance with final effluent limitations for the entire year of 2011. The NPDES permit was recently renewed, effective November 1, 2011, and will remain in effect for another five year period.

I informed Eastwood that should another overflow occur, the (800) 282-9378 Emergency Spill phone number must be called within 24 hours of discovery. If you have any questions, please call me at (419) 373-3020 or email at [rick.zuzik@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:rick.zuzik@epa.state.oh.us).

Sincerely,

Richard A. Zuzik, MSE  
Division of Surface Water

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pc: Erie County Health Department  
Eastwood Environmental

ec: Inspection Tracking