



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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**Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor**

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February 10, 2012

RE: SUMMIT COUNTY  
CITY OF NORTON  
VFW LOYAL OAK POST 4466  
(HOUSTON HALL)  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3PR00205\*BD  
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION

Mr. Charlie Shook, Owner  
VFW Loyal Oak Post 4466  
3069 Houston Road  
Norton, OH 44203

Dear Mr. Shook:

On February 7, 2012, a Compliance Evaluation Inspection was conducted at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) serving the VFW Loyal Oak Post 4466. The purpose of such an inspection is to determine whether the plant is meeting the requirements of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, and to inspect the overall condition of the plant.

According to our files, the existing wastewater treatment system consists of a 500-gallon trash trap, 1500-gallon equalization tank, 1000 gpd extended aeration plant, 500-gallon dosing chamber, 190 square foot surface sand filter, and chlorination/dechlorination. Because of the fence being locked, a complete inspection was not conducted.

From the sound of the blower motor, is sounded as if the treatment plant was running. It was noticed that there were large piles of sand and dried solids on the ground next to the sand filters. Please note that this material is considered a solid waste, and therefore shall be placed in a watertight container and disposed of with the remainder of the site's trash which ultimately ends up in a solid waste landfill.

As was mentioned in the last inspection, the building now looks to be called Houston Hall. Please complete and submit the enclosed Site Evaluation Request Form so this office can update on our files and make certain that your wastewater treatment system is appropriately sized for activities taking place at the property.

Upon review of the electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (eDMR's) submitted for the plant from January 2011 to January 2012, the following effluent violations were noted:

Reporting Period	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
March 2011	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	0.02	.02271	3/1/2011
June 2011	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.0	6.37	6/1/2011
June 2011	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Qty	0.002	.01206	6/1/2011

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June 2011	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	11.	6/1/2011
June 2011	CBOD 5 day	30D Qty	0.02	.02082	6/1/2011
June 2011	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Conc	1.5	6.37	6/15/2011
June 2011	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Qty	0.003	.01206	6/15/2011
December 2011	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	43.	12/1/2011
December 2011	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	0.02	.08138	12/1/2011
December 2011	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	18	43.	12/8/2011
December 2011	Total Suspended Solids	7D Qty	0.03	.08138	12/8/2011

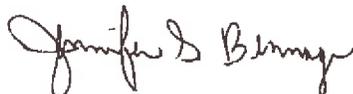
Please be advised such instances of noncompliance are subject to enforcement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 6111.

Our files indicate that your WWTP has an expired NPDES Permit. The permit has been expired since May 31, 2010. Pursuant to state and federal laws, facilities that discharge pollutants to "Waters of the State" must obtain an NPDES permit from Ohio EPA for such discharges. NPDES permits must be renewed every five years.

In order to avoid enforcement action, it is directed you complete and submit two copies of the enclosed General Form 1 and 2E applications and the Antidegradation Addendum to this office by March 1, 2012. Ohio Revised Code 3745.11 requires that a non-refundable application fee of \$200 accompany the application. The check should be made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio". Failure to submit the paid application will result in this office referring the matter to our legal department for escalated enforcement.

Your technical operator should be familiar with completing the NPDES application forms. But, if you have any questions, please contact this office at (330) 963-1151.

Sincerely,



Jennifer S. Bennage  
Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Brent Paulus, Summit County Health Dept.  
Norton Zoning Dept.

ec: Daniel Mayberry, WWTP Operator

Enclosures