



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

February 16, 2012

Re: Guernsey County
Ports Petroleum
Notice of Violation
OPR00079; OH0099368
Correspondence (PWW)

Mr. Tom Moore, Director of Maintenance
Ports Petroleum Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 1046
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Dear Mr. Moore:

We have received your self-monitoring report covering the months of November 2010 through December 2011 for the Ports Petroleum wastewater treatment plant. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance and/or deficiencies are as follows:

Numeric Violations:

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type*	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia	30D Conc	3.0	6.4	12/1/2010
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia	1D Conc	4.5	6.4	12/6/2010
January 2011:						
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	14.	1/1/2011
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia	30D Conc	3.0	33.4	1/1/2011
001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	15.	1/1/2011
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia	1D Conc	4.5	33.4	1/3/2011
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia	30D Conc	3.0	45.8	2/1/2011
February 2011:						
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia	1D Conc	4.5	45.8	2/7/2011
March 2011:						
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	15.	3/1/2011
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia	30D Conc	3.0	55.	3/1/2011
001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	28.	3/1/2011
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia	1D Conc	4.5	55.	3/7/2011
001	80082	CBOD 5 day	1D Conc	15	28.	3/7/2011

* 1D Conc is equal to maximum daily concentration limit.
30D Conc is equal to average monthly concentration limit.

Frequency Violations:

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Sampling Frequency	Expected	Reported	Violation Date
001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Week	1	0	3/15/2011
001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Week	1	0	3/15/2011
001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Week	1	0	3/15/2011
001	00056	Flow Rate	1/Week	1	0	3/15/2011

Please submit within **10** days upon receipt of this letter as to the reasons for the above permit violations and actions being taken to prevent further occurrences. If a prior explanation of these violations has been sent no further action is required.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements specified in your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111. If these violations continue to occur and if satisfactory progress is not made, it may be necessary to initiate enforcement action to achieve compliance.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5418.

Sincerely,



Tim Fulks
District Representative
Division of Surface Water

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