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February 15, 2012

RE: HARASSMENTS BAR AND GRILLE  
OHIO EPA PERMIT 3PR00438  
JEFFERSON TWP, ASHTABULA COUNTY  
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION

Mr. Terry G. Schley  
Harassment's Bar & Grille  
4502 Anderson Road  
Pierpont, Ohio 44082

Dear Mr. Schley:

On February 10, 2012, a site inspection was conducted at the above referenced facility at 900 North Market Street, Jefferson Township, Ashtabula County. The inspection was conducted by John Schmidt of this office, and you represented Harassment's Bar and Grille during the inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The last compliance inspection was conducted on February 17, 2011.

The system consists of a trash trap, flow equalization, extended aeration system with clarifier, dosing chamber, rapid sand filtration, chlorine disinfection, and dechlorination. Sludge management of sludge removal from an aerated sludge holding tank when needed to another publicly owned treatment works (POTW). The facility discharges to an unnamed tributary to Mill Creek adjacent to the south side of the facility. No backup power is provided to the facility, and the facility is provided with alarms.

### **Observations**

The following observations were made during the inspection:

1. The design flow of the extended aeration plant is 1,750 gallons per day. The plant operates on a timer, and was not flowing at the time of the inspection. It was discovered that the breaker inside the bar had been tripped to the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and was reset.
2. The plant is currently operated by Josh Goodridge and Ron Bell of B & J Environmental, under contract to Harassment's Bar and Grille. Mr. Goodridge and Mr. Bell are currently listed as the Operators of Record (ORC) of this facility.
3. Log books and the operation and maintenance manual are maintained at the site by the current operator, B & J Environmental, and were available for inspection. There are no records of any inspections conducted at this facility for the month of February. In January, operator arrival times are noted but departure times are not. Notes of calibration dates of hand held instruments (pH meters, DO meters) are not recorded, as well as specific plant activities (cleaning and scraping weirs, scraping the clarifiers, raking the sand beds, etc) required by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-7-09. A copy of the contract is also not maintained with the log book as required by rule.

4. The equalization tank pumps and alarms were cycled and found in operating condition.
5. The blowers were cycled and found in operating condition. There appears to be an electrical issue with Blower No. 1, as it as on constantly and did not respond to the control panel switch. The electrical issue should be investigated and corrected as soon as possible.
6. The content of the aeration tank had a slight musty odor, light brown color with good mixing. When the blowers are running the plant is receiving sufficient aeration. This may be because the plant is biologically under loaded. A medium brown color is more typical for the aeration tank.
7. The surface of the clarifier was clear with some freezing evident. Effluent channels were clean.
8. The dosing pumps were cycled and found in operating condition. The alarm system was checked and found in operating condition.
9. The pipe between the dosing tank and the sand filters appears to have either broken or come apart below grade, as water welled up in the sand bedding around the pipe and no water was visible in the sand bed distribution box. This needs to be repaired immediately.
10. Surface sand filters appear clean and operable if they had water supplied to them, with filters free of leaves and debris. No discharge to the sand filters was observed during the inspection.
11. The final discharge at Mill Creek could not be observed due to lack of flow.
12. Josh Goodridge and Ron Bell operate the plant on behalf of Harassment's Bar and Grille and perform the routine inspection and conducts routine monitoring of flow rate, odor, color, and turbidity. Quarterly monitoring is conducted by Geauga County Department of Water Resources. Josh Goodridge of B & J Environmental submits the data to Ohio EPA's electronic discharge monitoring report (e-DMR) system on behalf of Harassment's Bar and Grille.

#### **NPDES Permit Compliance Review**

A review of the eDMRs received by Ohio EPA for the period January 1, 2011 through January 1, 2012 indicates apparent noncompliance of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit as identified below:

#### **Limit Violations**

No violations were noted for the period reviewed.

#### **Reporting Violations**

No reporting code or sampling frequency violations are noted for the period reviewed.

#### **Compliance Schedule Violations**

Based upon a review of Ohio EPA's files, Harassment's Bar & Grille has completed its compliance schedule prescribed by the NPDES permit.

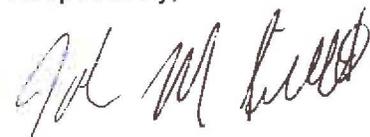
Other Violations

1. Failure to Maintain Facility Log Book: The inspection revealed that records required pursuant to OAC 3745-7-09(A)(3) are not being maintained at the facility and were not available for inspection as required by rule. Although, a log book is maintained at the WWTP and available for inspection, the log book does not contain all the required information required by OAC 3745-7-09. The log must include inspection dates with time in and time out, clearly identify who is logging time at the facility, and list all activities being performed during the visit. A minimum of three months must be maintained at the site, and an additional three years of log books must be made available upon request. In addition to the log book, a copy of the contract with your ORC must be maintained at the site.
2. Maintaining Minimum Staffing: Based upon a lack of a log book to document visits by your ORC in February 2012 and failure to record departure times to document ORC inspection durations, Harassment's Bar and Grille is in violation of OAC 3745-7-04 for not meeting minimum staffing hour requirements.

Please inform this office, in writing, within 30 days of the date of this letter as to the actions we discussed that have been or will be taken to correct the above noncompliance or explanations if you believe the noncompliance issues noted are in error. Your response to this letter should include the dates that the actions have been or will be completed. Please be advised that past or present issues of noncompliance can continue as subjects of future enforcement actions by Ohio EPA.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this inspection, please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1175.

Respectively,



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cc: Josh Goodridge, B & J Environmental

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