



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor

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March 5, 2012

RE: ISLAND CREEK GRILLE
PERMIT NO. 3PR00523*AD
PORTAGE COUNTY
NORTH BENTON

Mr. Robert Semler, Owner
Island Creek Grille
92 State Route 14
North Benton, Oh 44449

Dear Mr. Semler:

On March 1, 2012, an inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. No one was present to represent the facility. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the treatment system along with the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the above referenced National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

During the inspection, the following items were noted:

1. The plant design of the wastewater treatment system is 7,000 gallons per day.
2. The facilities NPDES permit became effective on May 1, 2011.
3. In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3745-7-04, the sewage treatment facility is classified as a Class A facility. The classification requires that the operator of record be physically present at the treatment works two days per week for a minimum of one hour per week.
4. A logbook should be maintained at the site, which documents the time requirement is being met along with the maintenance duties being performed at the treatment plant.
5. The treatment system was not operating.
6. The effluent in the disinfection vault was clear.
7. No discharge was observed.
8. Both surface sand filter beds were free of vegetation and appeared to be well maintained.
9. A permanent marker at the outfall was posted per the requirement of Part II, Letter J of the facility's NPDES permit.
10. Please note that chlorination/de-chlorination is required from May 1st through October 31st.
11. During the last inspection on January 19, 2011, it was noted that the treatment system was not equipped with de-chlorination facilities. You were informed that de-chlorination was required to be installed. It appears that a make shift de-chlorination device consisting of a bucket with holes was made and hung on the grating cover at the outlet end of the disinfection vault. A more permanent disinfection treatment unit similar to the chlorination unit is required to be installed.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period May 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are as follows:

Limit Violations

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.0	3.66	6/1/2011
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	1.5	3.66	6/8/2011

No code or frequency violations were noted.

Reporting code "AL" has been submitted on the facility's monthly discharge monitoring report for the time period September 1, 2011 through February 29, 2012. It should be noted that reporting code "AL" is only to be used if the facility has not had a discharge for the entire month

Please notify this office in writing, within 14 days receipt of this letter, of your intentions to resolve item 11. A follow-up inspection will be conducted subsequent to the completion date.

Please be advised that such instances of noncompliance may be cause for enforcement actions pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at 330-963-1143.

Respectfully,



Michael W. Stevens
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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