



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

March 19, 2012

RE: Holmes County  
Clark Township  
Mel and Mary's Cottages  
Ohio EPA Permit No. 3PR00311\*BD

Mel Raber and Leon Troyer  
Mel and Mary's Cottages  
2972 Township Road 190  
Baltic, OH 43804

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Dear Mr. Raber and Mr. Troyer:

On March 19, 2012, a site inspection was conducted at the above referenced facility at 2972 Township Road 190, Clark Township, Holmes County. During the inspection, I was accompanied by Dean Stoll of Ohio EPA and Kraig Bucklew of the Holmes County General Health District. 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 1,500 gallons per day treatment works that consists of a trash trap, Orenco™ AdvanTex recirculating textile filter, and ultraviolet disinfection. Sludge management consists of transferring sludge to another treatment works when needed. The treatment works discharges to an unnamed tributary to South Fork Sugarcreek.

**Observations**

The following observations were made during the inspection:

1. The treatment plant's diffusers appeared to have been cleaned and functioning correctly;
2. The recirculation tank was no longer flooded and the piping network had been repaired; and
3. An clear effluent was being produced that was being discharged to "waters of the State."

**Operator Certification Requirements**

Part II.A of the NPDES permit establishes specific operator certification requirements and minimum staffing requirements for the Class I facility.

On November 2, 2011, Ohio EPA contacted Dean's Backflow Service to discuss the current condition of the treatment works. Dean's Backflow Service stated that Kevin Dean is no longer operating the treatment works and has not been the operator of the treatment works for many months. Via a November 2, 2011 notice of violation (NOV), Ohio EPA requested you to submit the contact information for the new operator of record for the treatment works. As of the date of this NOV, Ohio EPA has not received the requested information. **Failure to have an operator**

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