



Environmental  
Protection Agency

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

March 7, 2012

Michael B. Nixon, Superintendent  
Lancaster WPCF  
800 Lawrence Street  
Lancaster, OH 43130

**Re: Lancaster WPCF  
NPDES Permit 4PD00001/ OH0026026  
Reconnaissance Inspection  
Fairfield County  
Notice of Violation**

Dear Mr. Nixon:

On March 5, 2012, a Reconnaissance Inspection was conducted at the Lancaster WPCF. Present for the inspection were Bill Franklin, Chief Operator and Paul Menz, Superintendent of the City of Lancaster and myself of the Ohio EPA, Central District Office, Division of Surface Water.

The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate compliance with the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit and to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the plant. The following items were discussed during the inspection.

- Permit effluent limit violations from June, August, and September of 2011 (Attachment) were adequately addressed by the facility. No further action is required by the facility to address these violations.
- Flow study work is ongoing in the collection system as per the NPDES permit compliance schedule. Over 40 flow monitors have been installed to collect data for the study. CSO #14 will be temporarily closed off as part of the study with permanent closure forthcoming if the temporary closure does not trigger negative consequences in the collection system.
- Effluent flow monitoring equipment at the WWTP should be double-checked against actual flume measurements at least annually to confirm accuracy. Please confirm with this office within 30-days that this activity has been performed.

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Lancaster WPCF  
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If you have any questions or comments concerning the enclosed inspection report,  
please contact me at (614) 728-3854 or e-mail at [paul.vandermeer@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:paul.vandermeer@epa.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Vandermeer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul L. Vandermeer  
Environmental Specialist  
Compliance and Enforcement Unit  
Division of Surface Water  
Central District Office

cc: Paul Vandermeer

PLV/nsm Lancaster WPCF

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

SECTION A: NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING				
Permit #	NPDES #	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
4PD00001	OH0026026	RI	S	1
Inspection Date	Entry Time	Exit Time	Notice of Violation	Significant Non-Compliance
3/5/2012	9:05 AM	10:05 AM	Yes	No

SECTION B: FACILITY DATA	
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Permit Effective Date
Lancaster WPCF 800 Lawrence St. Lancaster, OH 43130	6/1/2009
	Permit Expiration Date
	5/31/2012
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representatives	Phone Numbers
William Franklin, Chief Operator, Paul Menz, Superintendent	(740) 687-6664
Name and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Mike Nixon, Utilities Chief	(740) 687-6600

SECTION C: AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION		
Key: S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated		
S	NPDES Compliance	Violations were adequately explained and minor. <b><i>Nothing further is required from the facility.</i></b>
S	Operations & Maintenance	
S	Facility Site Review	
S	Collection System	
S	Flow Measurement	Guided wave radar used to monitor flow. Unit should be double-checked with the height measurement in the flume on a yearly basis since there is no calibration necessary.
S	Receiving Waters	
S	Laboratory	New laboratory analyst hired. CN, low level Hg, and metals for wastewater and dioxins for sludge are contracted for analysis to Test America. All other parameters are done in house.

Comments:

Signatures			
	3/6/12		3/6/12
Paul L. Vandermeer, Inspector Compliance & Enforcement Division of Surface Water Central District Office	Date	Mike Gallaway, Reviewer Section Manager Division of Surface Water Central District Office	Date