



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Hardin County
Village of Dunkirk
NPDES Permit

April 13, 2012

Mayor and Council
Village of Dunkirk
201 North Main Street
Dunkirk, Ohio 45836

Dear Mayor and Council:

On April 5, 2012, a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit compliance inspection was conducted at the Village of Dunkirk wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Hank Bailey was present and provided information regarding operation and maintenance of the plant.

It was noted that the primary lagoons each contain two electric aerators and a wind powered aerator. The east primary lagoon had only the wind powered aerator in service while the west primary lagoon had one electric aerator in service. The system was not discharging during the inspection.

An extensive amount of brush and weeds were observed around the lagoons. Weeds and trees are a potential food source for burrowing animals, prevent wind action across the lagoon and can cause leaks in the liner from root penetration. The weeds and trees should be removed and the lagoon dikes should be maintained. It was observed that several local high school students were removing brush from the dikes during the inspection.

It was noted that a sign has not been installed at the final outfall. The sign requirement can be found in Part II, Item R. of the NPDES permit.

A review of the discharge monitoring reports from March 2011 to March 2012 shows that there has been one effluent limit violation for Mercury in August 2011. The specific instance of non-compliance is enclosed on separate sheet.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 419-373-3053.

Sincerely,

Ryan Gierhart
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

pc: Steve Manns

ec: Inspection Tracking

Get New Data								
Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PB00061*ID	August 2011	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Conc	1.3	2.66	8/1/2011