



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

**John R. Kasich, Governor**

**Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor**

**Scott J. Nally, Director**

April 26, 2012

RE: TRUMBULL COUNTY  
NEWTON FALLS  
TOP OF THE HILL STORE  
5082 STATE ROUTE 82  
GENERAL PERMIT NO. OHV000001  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3GV00019 (expired)

Mitchell and Lisa Wiles, Owners  
Top of the Hill Store  
5082 State Route 82  
Newton Falls, Ohio 44444

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wiles:

Ohio EPA performed an inspection of the wastewater treatment plant serving the above-referenced property on April 19, 2012. The inspection was performed to evaluate the facility's operation and maintenance of its treatment works, as well as determine the facility's overall compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

The existing treatment system consists of a 500 gpd Hydro-Action treatment system. The treatment components consist of a 500-gallon trash trap, 500 gpd aeration tank, settling compartment, 500-gallon dose tank, surface sand filters, and UV disinfection. Treated effluent is discharged to a nearby roadside storm ditch that is tributary to the Mahoning River.

At the time of the inspection, the following observations and/or deficiencies were noted:

1. The overall operation and maintenance of the treatment works was satisfactory.
2. No discharge was observed coming from the discharge pipe.
3. The ditch receiving the discharge appeared to be in good shape.
4. The pump control box was unlocked.
5. One of the tank lids did not have the locking screws screwed down securely.

Please note that the facility's general NPDES permit expired on December 31, 2009. To date, this office has not received a renewal application. Discharging treated or partially treated wastewater without a valid NPDES permit is a violation of Ohio Administrative Code 3745 and Ohio Revised Code 6111. Please complete and submit the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI) form in order to obtain coverage to discharge under a new NPDES permit. When you are ready to complete the NOI form, please contact this office for instructions on how to properly complete it.

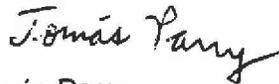
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Please be aware that the new NPDES permit will contain language requiring that an outfall sign identifying the discharge be erected at the final discharge location. The new NPDES permit will also contain language that requires the owner to hire an operator to perform regular operation and maintenance on the treatment works. Based on the design flow of 400 gpd, Top of the Hill Store will be considered a Class A treatment works, and thus be required to have their operator physically present at the site twice a week for a minimum of one hour. Please refer to Ohio Administrative Code 3745-7-04 for further information regarding operator requirements.

Please provide to this office, within 14 days' receipt of this letter, written documentation describing the actions that have been taken to address the above-referenced deficiencies.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact this office at (330)963-1120.

Respectfully,



Tomás Parry  
Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Steve Kramer, R.S., Trumbull County Health Department

Attachments: Photographs

Enclosures: NOI form

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