



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor

Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor

Scott J. Nally, Director

May 8, 2012

RE: TRUMBULL COUNTY
MECCA TOWNSHIP
CAUSEWAY SPORTING GOODS
2233 GREENVILLE RD
GENERAL PERMIT NO. OHS00003
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3GS00029

Cathy Brunstetter, Owner
Galbincea Land Company Ltd.
2265 Greenville Rd.
Cortland, Ohio 44410

Dear Ms. Brunstetter:

Ohio EPA and the Trumbull County Health Department performed an inspection of the wastewater treatment plant serving the above-referenced property on May 7, 2012. Mr. Steve Kramer represented the Trumbull County Health Department, you represented Causeway Sporting Goods, and the undersigned represented Ohio EPA. 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 components consist of a 500-gallon trash trap, 500-gpd prefabricated aeration unit, dual 60-square foot surface sand filter, and UV disinfection unit. Treated effluent is discharged to an unnamed ditch that is immediately tributary to Mosquito Creek Reservoir.

During the inspection, the following observations and/or deficiencies were noted:

1. The overall operation and maintenance of the treatment works was satisfactory. The final effluent was clear, and was causing no immediately observable, adverse impacts to the receiving stream.
2. One of the tank lids was not securely fastened. Please make sure tank lids are secured at all times.
3. Please install stone riprap around the sand filter splash pads to prevent preferential flow paths from developing in the sand.
4. Please ensure that a bound and numbered log book is maintained onsite. This book shall be used to document all operation and maintenance performed at the plant. Each entry shall include the date, arrival and departure times, a description of the work performed, and initials of the maintenance personnel performing the work.

- Part IV, H of the facility's general NPDES permit requires that the permittee designate an operator of record to oversee the technical operation and maintenance of the treatment works. The facility is classified as a Class A facility, and should therefore be operated and maintained by a person with a valid Class A wastewater license. This office has no records that such an operator has been identified. As such, please complete the enclosed Operator of Record Notification (ORC) form to ensure that this requirement is met. Please note that in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3745-7-04, the operator of a Class A facility must be physically present at the site twice a week for a minimum of one hour total.

During the inspection, you mentioned that you would be interested in obtaining a Class A wastewater license to fulfill this requirement. Please visit the following website for further information on becoming a certified wastewater operator.

<http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/opcert.aspx>

- Part IV, I of the facility's general NPDES permit requires that an outfall sign be erected no later than four months from the effective date of this permit. While a signpost was observed at the outfall, a sign was not attached to it. Please see to it that an appropriate sign is erected at the outfall. Refer to the referenced portion of the permit for instructions on the content and sizing of the sign.
- Please ensure that some type of hinged locking mechanism is installed on the sand filter covers to prevent unauthorized access.

A review of the monthly electronic discharge monitoring reports (eDMRs) received by Ohio EPA for the period, January 2010 – April 2012, indicated violations of the terms and conditions contained in the NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance include:

Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Expected	Reported	Violation Date
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/01/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/02/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/03/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/04/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/05/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/06/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/07/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/08/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/09/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/10/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/11/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/12/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/13/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/14/2011
August 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/15/2011

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August 2011	001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/29/2011
August 2011	001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/30/2011
August 2011	001	01330	Odor, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/31/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/01/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/02/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/03/2011
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August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/16/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/17/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/18/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/19/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/20/2011
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August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/22/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/23/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/24/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/25/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/26/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/27/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/28/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/29/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/30/2011
August 2011	001	01350	Turbidity, Severity	1/Day	1	0	08/31/2011
November 2011	001	00083	Color, Severity	1/Day	1	0	11/26/2011
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It appears that the violations consist of missed reporting dates. This office has discussed this issue with you in the past, and is aware that you are now actively recording and reporting the information required by the NPDES permit. As such, no further explanation is necessary for the violations.

Please provide to this office, within 14 days' receipt of this letter, written documentation describing the actions that have been taken to address the items described in this letter. Your response shall include specific dates for the initiation and completion of this action plan.

If there are 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 Country Health Department

Attachments: Photographs

Enclosures: ORC form

