



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Richland County
Agland Co-op Bellville Bulk Plant
NPDES Permit

May 15, 2012

Mr. Joe Toporcer, Sr.
Agland Co-op Inc.
330 South Lincoln Avenue
Lisbon, Ohio 44432

Dear Mr. Toporcer:

On May 2, 2012, an inspection was made of the storm water treatment facilities serving the Agland Co-op, First Choice Energy Bellville Bulk Plant located at 32 Fitting Avenue, Bellville, Richland County. This inspection was conducted as part of the renewal process for the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit No. 2IN00175. You were present during the inspection to answer any questions regarding operation of the facility. At the time of the inspection, no discharge was occurring from the lined settling pond.

During the inspection, we discussed the monitoring and sampling requirements for the storm water discharge from the site. You were reminded of the permit language that requires that a sample be collected when a discharge occurs or, if no discharge occurs during a month, that a sample is collected at the end of the month. It was agreed this could be accomplished by manually activating the pump in the lift station to the settling pond and collecting a sample. The NPDES permit also requires an estimate of the total rainfall for the month. You mentioned that you had been using internet data to determine the rainfall amounts. A rain gauge can also be kept at the office and the gauge checked every day and the level recorded on a log sheet.

A review of the discharge monitoring reports submitted to our office for the months of July 2011 through March 2012 revealed no violations of the limits contained in the NPDES permit. Our office will continue to monitor the monthly reports to assure that proper sampling frequencies are being followed.

You should be receiving a draft copy of your renewal NPDES permit in the next few days. Please look this draft copy over and contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 419-373-3070.

Sincerely,

Walter Ariss, P.E.
Environmental Specialist II
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

ec: Inspection Tracking



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Northwest District Office

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding					
Permit #	NPDES#	Month/Day/Year	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
2IN00175	OH0122645	5/2/12	C	S	1

Section B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Agland Co-op d.b.a. First Choice Energy Bellville Bulk Plant 32 Fitting Ave Bellville, OH	10:00	7/1/07
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	11:00	6/30/12
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representatives	Phone Number(s)	
Joe Toporcer, Safety Administrator	330-424-7229	
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number	
Joe Toporcer		

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection			
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)			
S	Permit	N	Flow Measurement
S	Records/Reports	S	Self-Monitoring Program
S	Operations & Maintenance	S	Effluent/Receiving Waters
S	Facility Site Review		

Section D: Summary of Findings (Attach additional sheets if necessary)	
See inspection letter	
Inspector	
	5/2/12
Walter Ariss P.E. Environmental Specialist II Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office	Date