



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: **Notice of Violation**
Putnam County
Ottoville WWTP
NPDES Permit

May 9, 2012

Mr. Steve Wittler
Utilities Department
P.O. Box 488
Ottoville, Ohio 45876

Dear Mr. Wittler:

On May 1, 2012, an inspection was conducted at the Village of Ottoville wastewater treatment facilities. You were present and provided information concerning the operation and maintenance of the treatment facilities.

At the time of inspection, all treatment units were in operation and the discharge from the WWTP to an unnamed tributary of the Little Auglaize River was clear with white foam and had no noticeable odor. The presence of foam in the receiving stream is a violation of Part III, Item 2. of your NPDES permit and Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) 3745-1-04. A picture of the discharge is enclosed.

A review of the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) for August 2011 to April 2012 shows that there have been numerous permit effluent limit violations in December 2011. The specific instances of non-compliance are enclosed on a separate sheet. It is noted that you submitted a letter dated January 06, 2012, regarding the violations. The violations were believed to be from heavy rains and high flows to the plant during the month.

Our completed inspection report is enclosed. If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373 – 3053.

Sincerely,

Ryan Gierhart
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures

pc: Mayor and Council
ec: Inspection Tracking

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Permit No.	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PA00002*JD	December 2011	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12.0	17.625	12/1/2011
2PA00002*JD	December 2011	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	18.0	21.	12/1/2011
2PA00002*JD	December 2011	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	15.42	28.4348	12/1/2011
2PA00002*JD	December 2011	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Qty	23.13	36.2678	12/1/2011
2PA00002*JD	December 2011	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Conc	19.6	36.4	12/1/2011
2PA00002*JD	December 2011	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Qty	0.0000	.00004	12/1/2011
2PA00002*JD	December 2011	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	18.0	19.5	12/8/2011
2PA00002*JD	December 2011	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Qty	23.13	29.9961	12/8/2011
2PA00002*JD	December 2011	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	18.0	24.5	12/15/2011
2PA00002*JD	December 2011	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Qty	23.13	39.3337	12/15/2011



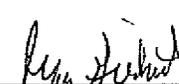
State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Southwest District Office

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding					
Permit #	NPDES#	Month/Day/Year	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
2PA00002	OH0021709	05/01/2012	R	S	1

Section B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Ottoville WWTP 200 Utility Drive, Ottoville, Ohio P.O. Box 488	1:00 pm	December 1, 2011
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	2:15 pm	November 30, 2016
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representatives	Phone Number(s)	
Steve Wittler, Utilities Director	419-453-3147	
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number	
Village of Ottoville 150 Park Drive Ottoville OH 45876	419-453-3147	

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection					
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)					
N	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment
N	Records/Reports	N	Laboratory	N	Compliance Schedule
S	Operations & Maintenance	M	Effluent/Receiving Waters	N	Self-Monitoring Program
S	Facility Site Review	N	Sludge Storage/Disposal	N	Other
N	Collection System				

Section D: Summary of Findings (Attach additional sheets if necessary)	
<p>It was noted that an upset occurred at the plant on Sunday April 29th 2012. An extensive amount of white foam was observed in the aeration tanks and in the post aeration tank. The foam overflowed the post aeration tank. It was noted that a yellow tinted influent was coming into the plant that was disrupting settling at the plant. During the inspection white foam was still observed in the post aeration tank but the aeration tanks appeared to be working properly. The foam was observed entering the receiving stream but appeared to be dissipating downstream from the discharge. The foam was believed to be from the local fire departments training. It was noted that the plant has improved since Sunday and the received slug load was making its way out of the plant. The discharge entering the stream appeared clear with no noticeable odor and had the white foam. It is recommended that you work with the fire department to reduce/eliminate the discharge of foam to your treatment facility.</p>	
Inspector	Reviewer
 Ryan Gierhart Environmental Specialist II Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office	 Thomas Poffenbarger, P.E. Water Quality Engineer II/Unit Supervisor Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office
5-8-12 Date	5/7/12 Date

