



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor

Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor

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May 21, 2012

RE: GEAUGA COUNTY  
AUBURN TOWNSHIP  
NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
11051 E. WASHINGTON STREET  
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION  
OHIO EPA NO. 3PT00124

New Hope Christian Fellowship  
Attn: Pastor Ronald Miller  
17419 Snyder Road  
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Mr. Miller:

On May 16, 2012, a Compliance Evaluation Inspection was conducted at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) serving New Hope Christian Fellowship. The purpose of the inspection was to observe the operation and maintenance of the treatment plant, and to determine whether the facility has been in compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

According to our files, the WWTP consists of a 10,000-gallon per day extended aeration treatment plant, a 1000-gallon dosing tank, an 882 square foot surface sand filter, a 241-gallon disinfection tank, and a 1304-gallon sludge holding tank. The original basis of design was 666 students at 15 gpd per student for a total of 9990 gpd. The plant discharges into an unnamed tributary to the Cuyahoga River.

During the recent inspection, the school appeared to be closed for the day. The plant was running, and there were no offensive odors. All plant components appeared to be operating properly, and maintenance appeared satisfactory.

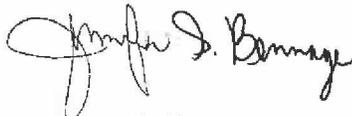
Upon review of our electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (eDMR's) data system, it was noted that you have not submitted effluent data from at least May 2010 through May 2012. Failure to submit the required effluent quality data constitutes a violation of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit, and therefore is subject to enforcement actions. Such actions can result in fines of up to \$10,000 per day of violation. Ohio EPA would like to resolve these violations prior to commencing an enforcement action. It is directed that you send Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office a written explanation for the non-submittal violations.

Furthermore, our files indicate that your WWTP has an expired NPDES Permit. The permit has been expired since June 30, 2011. Pursuant to state and federal laws, facilities that discharge pollutants to "Waters of the State" must obtain an NPDES permit from Ohio EPA for such discharges. NPDES permits must be renewed every five years.

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In order to avoid enforcement action, it is directed you complete and submit two copies of the enclosed General Form 1 and 2E applications and the Antidegradation Addendum to this office by June 1, 2012. Ohio Revised Code 3745.11 requires that a non-refundable application fee of \$200 accompany the application. The check should be made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio". Your WWTP operator should be familiar with completing the NPDES application forms. However, if you have any questions, please contact this office at (330) 963-1151.

Sincerely,



Jennifer S. Bennage  
Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Dave Sage, Geauga County Health Department