



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

RE: **Notice of Violation**
Allen County
LaFayette WWTP
Ohio EPA Permit No. 2PA00049
NPDES Permit No. OH0053155

June 6, 2012

Mr. Wes Hites
Operator of Record
LaFayette WWTP
9195 Sugar Creek Road
Harrod, Ohio 45850

Dear Mr. Hites:

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring reports covering the months of January through March 2012 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The specific instances of non-compliance are enclosed on a separate sheet. Further review of your self-monitoring reports for the previous six months, ending in March 2012, indicates that you are in significant non-compliance (SNC) with an effluent limitation contained in your NPDES permit. The specific instance of SNC is enclosed on a separate sheet.

Please inform this office in writing, **within 10 days**, as to the reasons for the above referenced violations, as well as a description of the actions taken or proposed to prevent any further violations. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for completion of the actions.

This letter also serves as a Notice of Violation to inform you that we are missing the discharge monitoring reports listed on the enclosed sheet of paper. As a reminder, hard copy self-monitoring report submissions are due on the 15th day of the following month and electronic submissions are due on the 20th day of the following month. Submit the missing reports **within 10 days** of the date of this letter. Even if no discharge occurs, as long as the permit is in place, a report must be submitted.

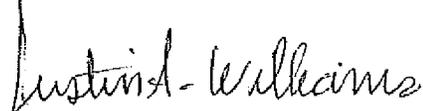
Looking at the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) effluent data for the months of February, March and April 2012, no effluent violations were observed. If this continues, the WWTP may be out of SNC in the next quarterly review. Be advised that if effluent violations reoccur and the WWTP continues to be in or comes back into SNC, the Director of Ohio EPA will likely take an enforcement action against the Village to bring the WWTP into compliance with Ohio law.

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The Ohio EPA strongly encourages pollution prevention as the preferred approach for waste management. The first priority of pollution prevention is to eliminate the generation of wastes and pollutants at the source (source reduction). For those wastes or pollutants that are generated, the second priority is to recycle or reuse them in an environmentally sound manner. You can benefit economically, help preserve the environment, and improve your public image by implementing pollution prevention programs. Information about Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance & Pollution Prevention can be found on Ohio EPA's website at <http://epa.ohio.gov/ocapp> or by calling (614) 644 – 3469.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373 – 3022.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Specialist II
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures

pc: Mayor and Council

ec: Inspection Tracking

Get New Data

Violations for La Fayette WWTTP - January - March 2012

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PA00049*HD	January 2012	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	6.0	9.01	1/15/2012
2PA00049*HD	January 2012	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Qty	1.5	2.00815	1/1/2012
2PA00049*HD	January 2012	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	6.0	16.5	1/1/2012
2PA00049*HD	January 2012	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	4.0	12.755	1/1/2012

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Facilities in Significant Non-Compliance **

Period: Oct-11 Mar-12

County	Permit #	Facility Name	Major	Station Code	Param Code	Parameter Name	Max % Exceed	# Months Signif Exceed (1)**	# Months Exceed (2)**
Allen	2PA00049	LaFayette WWTP		1	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	218.9	2	2

Footnotes

for Significant NonCompliance

** Significant non-compliance with effluent limits occurred if one or more pollutants met the following conditions:

1. During 2 or more months, the reported effluent concentration (or computed load) for a parameter exceeded an effluent limit by:
 - a. 40% for Group 1 pollutants **plus Fecal Coliform**
 - b. 20% for Group 2 pollutants **plus pH, Temperature, whole effluent toxicity**-- or --
2. During 4 or more months, the reported concentration (or computed load) exceeded the limit by > 1%.

Note: This method differs from USEPA Significant Non-compliance (SNC) method in the following ways:

- USEPA only evaluates SNC for average limits. In above analyses, maximum and weekly limits were also considered.

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MORs not submitted

Period: Oct-11 Mar-12

County	Permit #	Facility Name	Major	Station Code	Month Missing
Allen	2PA00049	LaFayette WWTP		1	10/1/2011
Allen	2PA00049	LaFayette WWTP		601	10/1/2011