



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

RE: **Notice of Violation**  
Allen County  
Bluffton WWTP  
Ohio EPA Permit No. 2PC00005  
NPDES Permit No. OH0020851

June 6, 2012

Mr. Dan Bowden  
WWTP Superintendent  
Village of Bluffton  
P.O. Box 63  
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Dear Mr. Bowden:

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring reports covering the months of January through March 2012 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates a violation of the conditions of your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES permit). The specific instance of non-compliance is enclosed on a separate sheet.

We have received your email response on March 13, 2012, and require no further information at this time.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements, including adequate laboratory controls, appropriate quality assurance procedures, and records retention, as specified in your Part III-General conditions of your NPDES permit, may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111. If these violations continue to occur, and if satisfactory progress is not made, it may be necessary to initiate enforcement action to achieve compliance.

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 Mr. Justin Williams at (419) 373 – 3022.

Sincerely,

Thomas Poffenbarger, P.E.  
Water Quality Engineer II/Unit Supervisor  
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure  
ec: Inspection Tracking

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Violation for Bluffton WWTTP - January - March 2012

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PC00005*KD	January 2012	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Conc	8.4	8.73	1/1/2012