



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

**John R. Kasich, Governor**

**Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor**

**Scott J. Nally, Director**

June 14, 2012

RE: KOOL LAKES FAMILY RV PARK  
PERMIT NO. 3PR00274  
PORTAGE COUNTY  
NELSON TOWNSHIP

Mr. Jeff Coldon  
Kool Lakes Campground  
12990 State Route 282  
Garrettsville, Ohio 44231

Dear Mr. Coldon:

On June 11, 2012, an inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. The facility was represented by you. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the treatment plant along with the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the above referenced National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

During the inspection, the following items were noted/discussed:

1. The campground is licensed for 200 campsites.
2. The facility's NPDES permit was recently renewed. The permit became effective on February 1, 2012. You requested that the effluent loadings in the new permit be reduced from 30,000 gpd to 25,000 gpd. This allowed the treatment plant to be reduced from a Class I facility to a Class A facility.
3. In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3745-7-04, the sewage treatment facility is classified as a Class A facility. The classification requires that the operator of record be physically present at the treatment works two days per week for a minimum of one hour per week.
4. You indicated that you have a limited Class A wastewater license and are the Operator of Record. You also indicated that you have just recently completed the Operator of Record notification form and submitted it to the Operator Certification Unit.
5. Valley Environmental is currently contracted to collect the samples, perform the analytical analysis, and report the results to Ohio EPA's Surface Water Information Management System. You indicated that you have authorized Valley Environmental to PIN the monthly discharge monitoring report.
6. The blowers were running and the plant was receiving good aeration.
7. The contents of the aeration tank were light to medium brown in color and no foam was present. This is typical of a properly operating plant.
8. Both sludge return lines were functioning properly and were returning light to medium brown water.
9. The skimmer return line was not functioning. The water level in the settling tank was below the level of the skimmer. You indicated that this was the result of low flows coming into the wastewater treatment plant.
10. The weir in the settling tank was covered with algae and sediment. The weir should be hosed off or scraped down on a regular basis.

11. Only one of two clarifiers is being utilized. The intake to one clarifier is plugged off. You indicated the system has been operated this way since you purchased the property in May 2006.
12. The surface sand filter beds consisted of four cells. Three of the four cells were free of vegetation and appeared to be well maintained. You indicated that you were in the process of removing the vegetation from the fourth cell.
13. The facility has sludge drying beds. However, the sludge drying beds have not been used since you purchased the property.
14. Both the chlorination and dechlorination dispensing tubes were adequately stocked with tablets.
15. The chlorination and dechlorination dispensing tubes should be appropriately stocked during summer. Summer is defined as the period from May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>.
16. The effluent in the disinfection vault was clear.
17. Flow is monitored with an American Sigma 980 ultrasonic flow meter.
18. Duke Sanitary Service is contracted to pump out the trash trap once per year. Approximately 4,000 gallons is pumped.
19. In May 2011, a catch screen was installed on the main inlet pipe to the lift station. The purpose was to prevent the lift station pumps from clogging.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period August 1, 2010 through May 31, 2012 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are as follows:

**Limit Violations**

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	1D Conc	2000	4900.	8/3/2010
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	30D Conc	1000	1000.	7/1/2011
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	30D Conc	1000	5200.	10/1/2011
001	31616	Fecal Coliform	1D Conc	2000	5200.	10/6/2011

Please be advised that such instances of noncompliance may be cause for enforcement actions pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at (330) 963-1143.

Respectfully,

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