



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor

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June 20, 2012

RE: HOLMES COUNTY  
RIPLEY TOWNSHIP  
PRAIRIE HOUSE APARTMENTS  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3PW00035\*BD

Chris Steiner  
P.O. Box 312  
Shreve, OH 44676

Dear Mr. Steiner:

On May 29, 2012, an inspection was conducted at the Woodland Inn, located at 13219 State Route 226, Ripley Township, Holmes County (facility). During the inspection, I was accompanied by Kraig Bucklew of the Holmes County Health Department (HCHD). The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

The 3,600 gallons per day extended aeration plant (treatment works) consists of a trash trap, extended aeration system, clarification, surface sand filtration, and chlorine disinfection. Sludge management consists of sludge removal from an aerated sludge holding tank when needed to another POTW. The facility discharges to Odell Lake.

**Inspection Findings**

The following observations were made during the inspection:

1. The aeration tank was under loaded;
2. The airline to the skimmer was broken and requires maintenance;
3. The sludge return line was not operational and requires maintenance;
4. Dosing pump No. 2 was not operational and requires maintenance;
5. The treatment works was not discharging at the time of the inspection; and
6. Wooden 2x4s are utilized as a grating cover over the clarifier and aeration tanks. Many of the wooden 2x4s are in very poor condition and are a safety issue, especially since the treatment works does not have a security fence installed. Ohio EPA highly recommends that the wooden 2x4s be replaced or a security fence be installed around the treatment works

**NPDES Permit Compliance Review**

A review of your discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) covering the period May 2011 through June 2012 revealed the following monitoring and frequency violations:

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Reporting Code	Parameter	Sample Frequency	Expected	Reported	Violation Date
31616	Fecal Coliform	1/Quarter	1	0	06/01/2011
31648	E. coli	1/Quarter	1	0	08/01/2011
00010	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	11/15/2011
00056	Flow Rate	1/Day	1	0	12/30/2011
00010	Water Temperature	1/Week	1	0	03/15/2012

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (330) 963-1118 or via e-mail at [chris.moody@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:chris.moody@epa.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,



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cc: Kraig Bucklew, Holmes County Health Department