



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
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July 2, 2012

RE: SUMMIT COUNTY  
BATH TOWNSHIP  
FORMER BISTRO AT HAMMOND CORNERS  
D'AGNES BISTRO & BAR  
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3PR00306

Mr. David Sirlouis  
Bistro at Hammond Corners  
P.O. Box 1241  
Bath, OH 44210

Dear Mr. Sirlouis:

On June 19, 2012, a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) was conducted at the wastewater treatment plant serving the former Bistro at Hammond Corners. It appears that the restaurant is now called D'Agnes Bistro & Bar. According to our files, the treatment plant serving the restaurant consists of a 1000 gallon trash trap, 5000 gpd extended aeration tank with clarifier, 500 gallon dosing chamber, 440 square foot surface sand filter, and chlorination/dechlorination tank. The plant discharges to an unnamed tributary to the Cuyahoga River.

During the inspection, the plant was running, but was in poor operation and maintenance conditions. Following are deficiencies noted during the inspection:

1. The wastewater treatment plant was running and appeared to be receiving adequate aeration. But, the mixed liquor was extremely dark in color, rather than the appropriate chocolate brown color. Also, the plant had a strong, offensive odor, rather than the appropriate musty odor.
2. The clarifier contained lots of solids. Either there is a settling problem or it may be time to pump out the clarifiers.
3. At the time of the inspection, the surface sand filters were being dosed. What should have been secondary effluent being dosed onto the sand filters appeared to be dark, raw sewage. Also, the surface sand filter's splitter box was leaking from the bottom.
4. The partially treated effluent in the disinfection tank was very cloudy. One of the chlorine dispensers was empty; the cap couldn't be removed from the other dispenser to check for chlorine tablets. The dechlorination tablet dispenser was detached from its connection point.

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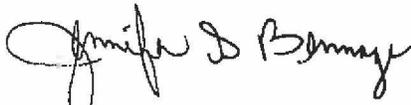
5. As mentioned in the last couple of letters from this office, for safety and liability reasons, it is strongly recommended a six foot high locked fence be installed around the plant. It appears that fence posts have been installed, but the fence was never completed.

It is directed that you, with the assistance of your wastewater treatment plant operator, respond in writing to the above operation and maintenance deficiencies. Please explain the reasons for the treatment plant's problems and a plan of action to obtain better operations.

A review of the electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) submitted for the wastewater treatment plant from June 2011 through June 2012 revealed only one effluent violation which was a low dissolved oxygen violation.

Lastly, your current NPDES permit has been expired since February 26, 2012. According to your operator of record, Denny White, the paid permit renewal application is on its way. If you have any questions, please contact this office at (330) 963-1151.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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