



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor

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July 23, 2012

RE: WAYNE COUNTY
CHESTER TOWNSHIP
NEIGHBORHOOD PANTRY
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3PR00304

Mr. John Wharton
7212 Ashland Road
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Dear Mr. Wharton:

On July 18, 2012, a compliance evaluation inspection was conducted of the Neighborhood Pantry's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) by this writer. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

According to our records, the market has been closed since 2010. During this time, the wastewater treatment has not been in operation. The NPDES permit is still currently active. The market is scheduled to reopen and restart the onsite WWTP.

The treatment components of the 4,000-gpd plant consist of a grease trap, trash trap, extended aeration activated sludge treatment process, final settling tank, slow surface sand filtration, chlorine/dechlorination contact tank, and sludge holding tank. The treatment system discharges to a tributary of Little Killbuck Creek; the discharge pipe, however, was not located.

At the time of the inspection, the plant was not operating and performance of the treatment plant could not be determined. Nonetheless, it was noted that the following improvements to the treatment plant need to be undertaken before plant is put back into operation:

- Place the required grade and quantity of sand in the surface sand filter;
- Make necessary repairs to the surface sand filter walls;
- Conduct housecleaning and repairs to treatment plant components (i.e. repair all covers/grates, remove any debris from traps/ tanks, etc.);
- Repair electrical wiring and controls;
- Insure all pumps and blowers are working properly; and
- Mow grass so treatment plant is accessible.

Please provide written notice to this office immediately upon completion of the above improvements. All improvements shall be completed by effective date of the permit. A compliance schedule for repairs will be included in your NPDES permit.

A review of your electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (eDMRs) covering the period August 2010 through July 2012 revealed that no DMR reporting has taken place. This is a violation of your NPDES permit. Even when the plant is not operating, a eDRM report indicating no flow must be submitted.

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The renewal NPDES permit for this facility will be public noticed in the near future. You will have 30 days from the date of public notice to submit written comments to Ohio EPA regarding the draft permit.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact me at (330) 963-1255.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Surrena". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Todd Surrena
Engineering Geologist
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Wayne County Health Department
Kevin Dean, Dean's Backflow Service

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