



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

**RE: Notice of Violation**  
Auglaize County  
K/Z Sewer District  
Sherwood Forest Subdivision  
NPDES Permits

August 28, 2012

Mr. Douglas P. Reinhart  
Auglaize County Engineer  
P.O. Box 59  
Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895

Dear Mr. Reinhart:

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring reports covering the months of April through June 2012 for the above referenced facilities. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of the K/Z Sewer District National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The specific instances of non-compliance are enclosed on a separate sheet. Further review of your self-monitoring reports for both facilities for the previous six months, ending in June 2012, indicates that you are in significant non-compliance (SNC) with an effluent limitation contained in each NPDES permit. The specific instances of SNC are enclosed on separate sheets.

A facility becomes in SNC when it exceeds the effluent limit for four or more months in two consecutive quarters or exceeds the effluent limit significantly in any two months in two consecutive quarters.

Achieving compliance with Ohio's environmental laws is a primary focus of Ohio EPA in order to reduce risks to public health and welfare.

**Within 21 days** of the date of this letter, please submit, in writing, the actions that you propose to undertake in order to return your facility to compliance with your NPDES permit. You will also need to provide a timeline for these actions that does not extend past March 31, 2013. These actions and timetable may also be submitted by email to me at [Justin.Williams@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:Justin.Williams@epa.state.oh.us)

If we do not receive your timely response or if your response does not adequately address the violations enclosed with this letter, the Director of Ohio EPA will likely take an enforcement action against you to bring these facilities into compliance with Ohio law.

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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 you wish to meet with our office to discuss this matter, please contact me at (419) 373 – 3022, **within 10 days** of receiving this letter in order to set up a meeting.

Sincerely,



Justin A. Williams  
Environmental Specialist II  
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures

ec: NOV Tracking

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Violations for K/Z Sewer District - April - June 2012

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PW00006*BD	April 2012	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	3.0	4.81	4/1/2012
2PW00006*BD	April 2012	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	4.5	4.81	4/8/2012

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## Facilities in Significant Non-Compliance \*\*

Period: Jan-12 Jun-12

County	Permit #	Facility Name	Major	Station Code	Param Code	Parameter Name	Max % Exceed	# Months Signif Exceed (1)**	# Months Exceed (2)**
Auglaize	2PW00006	K/Z Sewer Dist		1	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	168	2	2

### Footnotes

#### for Significant NonCompliance

\*\* Significant non-compliance with effluent limits occurred if one or more pollutants met the following conditions:

1. During 2 or more months, the reported effluent concentration (or computed load) for a parameter exceeded an effluent limit by:
  - a. 40% for Group 1 pollutants **plus Fecal Coliform**
  - b. 20% for Group 2 pollutants **plus pH, Temperature, whole effluent toxicity**-- or --
2. During 4 or more months, the reported concentration (or computed load) exceeded the limit by > 1%.

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