



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
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August 24, 2012

RE: HOLMES COUNTY  
MECHANIC TOWNSHIP  
YODER LUMBER BUCKHORNDIVISION  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3PR00402\*DD

Tom Nelson, Director of Safety  
Yoder Lumber, Buckhorn Division  
7100 County Route 407  
Millersburg, OH 44654

Dear Mr. Nelson:

On July 25, 2012, an inspection was conducted at the Yoder Lumber Buckhorn Division, located at 7100 County Road 407, Mechanic Township, Holmes County (facility). During the inspection, I was accompanied by Dean Stoll of Ohio EPA and Kraig Bucklew of the Holmes County Health Department. 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 system consists of a trash trap, a 10,000 gpd extended aeration system with clarifier, dosing chamber, surface sand filtration, chlorine disinfection, and dechlorination. Sludge management consists of sludge removal from a sludge holding tank when needed to another NPDES permitted treatment works. The facility discharges to Bucks Run.

**Inspection Findings**

The following observations were made during the inspection:

1. The content of the aeration tank had a very light color.
2. The dosing pumps were cycled and pump No. 1 was not operational.
3. A leak was present of the surface sand filters where two of the walls have become separated. Repairs are needed in order for the wastewater to receive full treatment.
4. Chlorination and dechlorination systems were stocked with appropriate chemicals.

**NPDES Permit Compliance Review**

A review of the electronic discharge self-monitoring reports (eDMRs) received by Ohio EPA for the period July 2011 through August 2012 indicates the following violations of the NPDES permit have occurred:

**Limit Violations**

No limit violations were noted for the reporting period.

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Frequency Violations

86 violations for Color, Severity (Reporting Code: 00083), 86 violations for Odor, Severity (Reporting Code: 01330), and 86 violations for Turbidity, Severity (Reporting Code: 01350) have occurred for Station 001.

Please be aware that Color, Severity (Reporting Code: 00083), Severity (Reporting Code: 01330), and Turbidity, Severity (Reporting Code: 01350) must be monitored daily and reported to Ohio EPA utilizing eDMR.

The above frequency violations must be explained in writing as to why these required readings have not been performed, along with the corrective actions that will be implemented to ensure that they are not repeated.

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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Environmental Specialist II  
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Kraig Bucklew, Holmes County Health Department