



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
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September 4, 2012

RE: LORAIN COUNTY
ELYRIA TOWNSHIP
CATCHIN' SOME RAYS
(6836 LAKE AVE.)
PERMIT NO. 3MH00025*AM

CERTIFIED MAIL

Catchin' Some Rays
6836 Lake Ave.
Elyria, OH 44035
Attn: Ben Goeller

Dear Mr. Goeller:

On August 14, 2012, a maintenance and management inspection was conducted on the holding tank serving your business, located at 6836 Lake Avenue, Elyria Township, Lorain County. The business is known as Catchin' Some Rays, and is a tanning salon operation.

The inspection was conducted by this writer, and Mr. John Sabo of the Lorain County Health Department, while in your presence. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the maintenance condition of the holding tank and high water alarm system, and to verify the intent of the holding tank management plan issued with the holding tank permit to install (PTI) was being followed.

At the time of the August 14th inspection, the following observations were made, and/or items were discussed:

- 1) The water level of the contents in the 2000-gallon holding tank was several feet below the access opening of the tank, and did not need pumping.
- 2) The inner concrete access lid of the tank was not in place, but lying on the ground adjacent to the riser on the tank.
- 3) The outer concrete riser lid was in place on the concrete holding tank riser.
- 4) The area around the holding tank was overgrown with vegetation, and the tank riser was not protected by barrier from damage, which could be caused by heavy equipment.
- 5) The high-level alarm, which is attached to the wall of the commercial building and is in close proximity to the holding tank, was operational when manually tested.





- 6) Also observed in the immediate vicinity of the holding tank was a submersible pump, plugged into an outlet by an orange extension cord. At the time of the inspection, the surface of the submersible pump was visibly wet.

A review was conducted of the holding tank permit-to-install (PTI No. 817866), issued by the Ohio EPA on October 4, 2011, and the Sewage Holding Tank Management Plan Approval (3MH00025*AM), for the holding tank installed to serve the Catchin' Some Rays Tanning Salon.

The review of the PTI and Management Plan found the following items need to be addressed, to be in conformance with the terms and special conditions of the PTI and Management Plan:

- 1) Per the Management Plan, "The sewage holding tank shall be labeled, or a legible sign shall be placed immediately adjacent to the sewage holding tank, with the words "Non-Hazardous Sewage". **No sign was observed in the area of the holding tank, and one needs to be installed.**
- 2) Per the Management Plan, "Signs that direct persons to notify the Ohio EPA's spill hotline (1-800-282-9378) in an event of a release shall be placed in clearly visible locations around the tank." **No sign was observed in the area of the holding tank, and one needs to be installed.**
- 3) As per the PTI, holding tank pumping records for the most recent two years are to be maintained. Also per the PTI, it was indicated the "tank will be emptied every two weeks max", by a licensed septic hauler. As attached to the PTI, the contracted hauler was Burnett's Septic Service. **Please provide this office a copy of the septic hauler's pumping receipts since the holding tank was installed.**
- 4) If the holding tank was not pumped as frequently as originally anticipated, **please provide a copy of the water use records/bills for the property since the tank was installed, to verify the flow is lesser than what was expected.**

- 5) It is also noted that the quote/contract with Burnett's Septic Service was valid for a period of one year, and was dated and signed by Mr. Burnett on July 7, 2011. **Please verify the fact that a current, valid contract with Burnett's is still in effect.**

The above items should be satisfactorily address, and written correspondence indicating such shall be submitted to this office, within 30 days of the receipt of this letter.

If there are questions or comments regarding the contents of this letter, please contact this office.

Respectfully,



Charles E. Allen
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: John Sabo, Lorain County Health Department