



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

RE: **Notice of Violation**
Van Wert County
Ridgeview Hospital
Ohio EPA Permit No. 2GS00020
NPDES Permit No. OHS000003

August 31, 2012

Mr. Jerry Wasserman
Ridgeview Hospital
17872 Lincoln Highway
Middle Point, Ohio 45863

Dear Mr. Wasserman:

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring reports covering the months of April through June 2012 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The specific instances of non-compliance are enclosed on a separate sheet.

We have received an email from Mr. Rob Strahm dated July 3, 2012, regarding the enclosed dissolved oxygen violations and require no further response at this time.

Further review of your self-monitoring reports shows that you have improperly used the "AN" code for several quarterly sampling parameters. The "AN" code is only to be used for parameters that must be sampled daily and is only acceptable for use when the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) is not normally staffed. It is not acceptable to report "AN" on a Saturday (June 9, 2012) for all quarterly samples required by your permit. Continued misuse of the "AN" code will result in our office referring you to the Director of Ohio EPA for an enforcement action. A copy of our A Code definition sheet is enclosed for your review.

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 there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373 – 3022.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

pc: Mr. Mike Leis

ec: Tracking

Get New Data

Violations for Ridgeway Hospital - April - June 2012

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2GS00020*AG	June 2012	001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	.37	6/1/2012
2GS00020*AG	June 2012	001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	.18	6/7/2012
2GS00020*AG	June 2012	001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	.45	6/11/2012
2GS00020*AG	June 2012	001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	.3	6/14/2012

Parameters Reported Using Inappropriate "AN" Code:

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2GS00020*AG	June 2012	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	mg/l		AN	6/9/2012
2GS00020*AG	June 2012	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	mg/l		AN	6/9/2012
2GS00020*AG	June 2012	001	31616	Fecal Coliform	#/100 ml		AN	6/9/2012
2GS00020*AG	June 2012	001	50060	Chlorine, Total Residual	mg/l		AN	6/9/2012
2GS00020*AG	June 2013	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	mg/l		AN	6/9/2012

e-DMR Data Substitution Codes (A Codes)

Data Substitution Codes (a.k.a. "A Codes") are used to explain data values that deviate from data that would normally occur. The Data Substitution Codes are as follows:

AA - Below Detectable Limit: Use this code when the quantitative analysis for a substance is done according to an approved analytical method and either does not detect the substance or detects it at a level below the minimum detection level (MDL). Enter the MDL value after the AA code separated by a single space (ex. AA 5.0). No comment is required.

AB - Analytical Data Lost: Use this code when the analytical data for a sample has been lost. This applies only to recorded data (e.g. paper records, data disks, etc.). This code is not to be used when a sample is lost. In such a case, the sample would be considered not to have been taken. The circumstances causing the use of this code should be explained in a Specific Comment on the first date of occurrence for each parameter.

AC - Plant Not Discharging (or No Sludge Hauled): Use this code when no wastewater was discharged (or no sludge was hauled) on that date thereby precluding the collection of samples. Enter this code for all parameters which were required on that date. No comment is required.

AD - Automatic Analyzer Out of Service: Use this code when an automatic analyzer, which is normally used to analyze samples at the treatment works, is inoperative. The circumstances causing the use of this code should be explained in a Specific Comment on the first date of occurrence for each parameter.

AE - Analytical Data Not Valid: Use this code if the analytical data for a given sample is for some reason not valid. The reason that the data is not valid should be explained in a Specific Comment on the first date of occurrence for each parameter.

AF - Sample Site Inaccessible Due to Flooding or Freezing: Use this code if a sample could not be collected because the designated sampling site was flooded or frozen-over. This code should be used for all parameters required to be sampled at the site on the day that it was inaccessible.

AH - Sample Not Taken, Explanation Included: Use this code when a required sample is not taken for a reason other than one covered by another "A" code. An explanation as to why the sample was not taken must be entered as a Specific Comment for that parameter and date.

AJ - Above Range of Automatic Analyzer: Use this code when the concentration of a substance is above the level that an automatic analyzer is capable of measuring. This code should only be used for parameters that are normally analyzed by an automatic analyzer. The upper limit of the automatic analyzer should be reported in a Specific Comment on the first date of occurrence for each parameter.

AK - Biological Sample Too Numerous to Count: Use this code when the number of bacterial colonies for each dilution tested exceeds the acceptable number of colonies given by the analytical method used. (Appropriate dilutions should be used to obtain an acceptable count of bacterial colonies.)

AL - No Discharge During Monitoring Period: No longer used. DO NOT USE THIS CODE in e-DMR. If no discharge occurred for the full monitoring period, select the No Discharge check box at the top of the e-DMR form.

AN - Sample Not Taken, Plant Not Normally Staffed (Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays): Use this code to indicate when samples are not collected on days that the treatment plant is not normally staffed. The use of this code is limited to Saturdays, Sundays, and officially recognized municipal holidays if the treatment plant is not normally staffed on those days. This code is only acceptable for parameters that are sampled daily. For parameters sampled at a lesser frequency, the sampling date should be moved to a date when the plant is staffed.