



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

September 11, 2012

Re: Pretreatment
Valley Farm Meats
Compliance Inspection
Village of Strasburg
IDP No. 0DP00054*AP

Mr. Paul Berry, Owner
Valley Farm Meats
1317 North Wooster Avenue
Strasburg, Ohio 44680

Dear Mr. Berry:

On August 13, 2012, I conducted an inspection at Valley Farm Meats. The inspection was conducted to determine the facility's compliance with federal and state pretreatment regulations and its Indirect Discharge Permit (IDP). The facility was closed and there was no production and no employees were present at Valley Farm Meats during the inspection.

General Facility Description:

Valley Farm Meats formerly produced packaged meats for retail sales in at the facility as well as for distribution and wholesale sales. Hogs and cattle were the primary animals processed. Wastewater was generated from wash down of animal manure from storage pens, slaughtering and butchering, and cleanup and sanitation of equipment.

The pretreatment system included an in ground grease interceptor, rotary screen, micro screen, aeration and chemical oxidation, and a sand filter. The aeration and chemical oxidation stage was performed in two 9600 gallon tanks using batch treatment.

Valley Farm Meats discharged wastewaters to the Strasburg Sanitary sewer. The facility is regulated as a Significant Industrial User and holds an Ohio EPA Indirect Discharge Permit.

Required Actions:

Valley Farm Meats is required in Part III, Paragraph 3 of its IDP to submit effluent monitoring reports during the months of January and July of each year. The IDP requires that reports must be submitted using Ohio EPA 4519 Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) forms via the electronic internet application e-DMR, or if there is a

demonstrated hardship, the reports may be submitted via US mail using hard copy 4519 forms. Valley Farm Meats did not submit reports for the July through December, 2011 or January through June, 2012 reporting periods, which is a violation of the IDP requirements. Please submit reports using Form 4519 via e-DMR for all reporting periods hereafter.

Comments:

1. Valley Farm Meats discontinued operations in February, 2012. The facility was advertised for sale at the time of the inspection. By telephone on August 15, 2012 you indicated there will be no further process wastewater generated at the facility under your ownership. Valley Farm Meats has the option of requesting revocation of its IDP, or maintaining the IDP. If you choose the former option, please submit a written request for revocation of the IDP to this office. Any new owner would need to apply for a new IDP if the permit is revoked. If you choose the latter option, you must continue to submit effluent monitoring reports to Ohio EPA. If you choose to maintain the IDP, when the business is sold, the new owner would need only to apply to Ohio EPA for a transfer of the effective IDP in accordance with Part III, Paragraph 14 if the IDP.
2. There were several uncovered 55 gallon drums near the sand filter of the wastewater pretreatment system which contained wastewater treatment sludge. The sludge should be stabilized and properly disposed of at a landfill. The two 9600 gallon tanks both had residual sludge and wastewater in the bottom of the tanks. This material should be removed and lawfully disposed to protect the tanks from corrosion damage and to prevent release of the residual wastes.

Please respond to this letter, in writing, within 30 days. You may contact me at (740) 380-5423 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Fred J. Snell
Pretreatment Coordinator
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

- c: Ron Lambert, Utility Superintendent, Village of Strasburg
- c: Jeff Mathias, Pissocra Mathias Realty
- c: Pretreatment Unit, DSW, CO



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Southeast District Office

Pretreatment NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding					
Permit #	NPDES #	Month/Day/Year	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
ODP00054*AP	OHP000236	August 13, 2012	6	S	2

Section B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Valley Farm Meats, Inc. 1317 North Wooster Avenue Strasburg, Ohio 44680	10:30 a.m.	January 1, 2009
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	12:00 p.m.	December 31, 2013
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)	
Name, Address, and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number	
Paul Berry, President	(330) 465-1602	

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection					
(S = Satisfactory; M = Marginal; U = Unsatisfactory; N = Not Evaluated; N/A = Not Applicable)					
S	Permit	S	Flow Measurement	S	Pretreatment
M	Records/Reports	S	Laboratory	N/A	Compliance Schedules
S	Operations & Maintenance	S	Effluent/Receiving Waters	U	Self-Monitoring Program
S	Facility Site Review	M	Sludge Storage/Disposal		Other
S	Collection System				

Section D: Summary of Findings (attach additional sheets if necessary)			
See attached letter.			
Inspector		Reviewer	
<i>Fred J. Snell</i>		<i>Jennifer M. Witte</i>	
	9/10/12		9/10/12
Fred J. Snell Division of Surface Water Southeast District Office	Date	Jennifer M. Witte Compliance & Enforcement Supervisor Division of Surface Water Southeast District Office	Date