



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
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October 1, 2012

RE: LAKE COUNTY
MADISON TWP.
SAHARA MOBILE HOME PARK
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3PV00046
APPLICATION NO. OH0098159

CERTIFIED MAIL

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Mr. Robert Braff, VP, GM
Sahara Mobile Home Park
5300 North Ridge Road
Madison, OH 44057

Dear Mr. Braff:

On September 25, 2012, this writer conducted a follow-up inspection of the wastewater treatment system serving the mobile home park. At the time of inspection, the following was observed:

1. The color of the mixed liquor was dark brown. The activated sludge concentration appeared high. Dark brown foam was observed on the surface of the aeration tank.
2. The settling tanks had an excessive amount on sludge on its surface and behind the baffles.
3. The upward flow fixed media clarifiers contained sludge on the surface of the cells, capable of discharging to waters of the state.
4. The rapid sand filters remain out of service. Tertiary treatment is not being provided, in accordance with the approved design of the wastewater treatment plant.
5. The plant effluent was being disinfected with UV light.
6. The former chlorine contact tank contained sludge in the second pass of the tank.
7. The sludge holding tank was full and in need of sludge hauling.
8. The plant discharge was free of visible solids, oil and grease.

A review of the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) revealed the following effluent limitation violations during the period of July 2012 and August 2012:

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	14.5	7/1/2012
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	18	42.	7/1/2012
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	1.6	7/2/2012
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	7D Conc	1.5	1.54	8/1/2012

Sahara Mobile Home Park continues to be in significant noncompliance with its NPDES permit. Be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations or to satisfy the monitoring or reporting and compliance scheduling requirements of your NPDES permit is a violation of the NPDES permit and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 6111. Violations of ORC 6111 are punishable by civil penalties, in accordance with ORC 6111.99.

In this writer's letter dated July 11, 2012, you were informed that failure to place the rapid sand filters on line by September 9, 2012 and to come into compliance with the NPDES permit would result in enforcement action. Because the filters have not been placed in operation and the facility remains in noncompliance with the permit effluent limitations, this writer will refer your case to the Division of Surface Water Enforcement Committee for enforcement action.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned at (330) 963-1183.

Sincerely,

Marie Underwood

Marie Underwood, P.E.
 Environmental Engineer
 Division of Surface Water

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cc: Mrs. Betty Braff

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