



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

Re: **Notice of Violation**
Ashland County
Perkins Restaurant
NPDES Permit

November 8, 2012

Mr. Marc Teaberry
Unique Ventures Group LLC
231 Chestnut Street, Suite 302
Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335

Dear Mr. Teaberry:

On September 25, 2012, an inspection was made of the wastewater treatment facilities serving the Perkins restaurant located at 658 U.S. 250, Ashland County. The inspection was performed in order to evaluate compliance with the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit # 2PR00221.

At the time of the inspection, all major treatment units were in operation and appeared to be functioning normally. It was noted that some solids were evident floating around the weir in the clarifier. There is a very high potential for these solids to be washed out into the post aeration tank. The operator's log book was reviewed and found to be adequate.

A review of the discharge monitoring reports submitted to our office for the months of March through October 2012 revealed several **violations** of the limits in your NPDES permit. A printout of the **violations** is included for your reference. Your facility has been in significant non-compliance (SNC) with the limits contained in your NPDES permit.

A facility becomes in SNC when it exceeds the effluent limit for four or more months in two consecutive quarters or exceeds the effluent limit significantly in any two months during two consecutive quarters. Achieving compliance with Ohio's environmental laws is a primary focus of Ohio EPA in order to reduce risks to public health and welfare.

Before we initiate enforcement action, we would like to work with you to achieve satisfactory progress to bring this facility back into compliance. It appears that the tertiary treatment that was approved but never installed is indeed necessary for the facility to continually meet the permit limits. Tertiary treatment shall be installed.

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Within 21 days of the date of this letter, please submit, in writing, the actions that you propose to undertake in order to install the tertiary filters and any other work necessary to return your facility into compliance with your NPDES permit. You will also need to give us a timetable for these actions that does not extend past January 31, 2014. These actions and timetable may also be submitted by email to me at walter.ariss@epa.state.oh.us. It would be best to consult with your operator while preparing your response to our office. If you wish to meet with us to discuss this matter, please contact me within 10 days of receiving this letter in order to set up a meeting.

A copy of our completed inspection report is enclosed for your review. If you have any questions, please call me at 419-373-3070.

Sincerely,



Walter Ariss, P.E.
Environmental Specialist II
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures

pc: Kevin Dean, Dean's Backflow Services

ec: Tracking

[Get New Data](#)

Unique ventures dba Perkins NPDES permit limit violations March through October 2012

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PR00221*BD	March 2012	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12.0	22.	3/1/2012
2PR00221*BD	March 2012	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	18.0	22.	3/15/2012
2PR00221*BD	August 2012	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12.0	37.	8/1/2012
2PR00221*BD	August 2012	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	18.0	37.	8/15/2012
2PR00221*BD	September 2012	001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12.0	16.	9/1/2012

OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE INSPECTION
 WWTP'S LESS THAN 25,000 GPD

NPDES Permit No. 2 PR00 221

Facility Name Perkins Expiration Date 7/31/2016
 Facility Address 658 US 250 East Date 9/25/12 Time 1:30 am (6m)
 City Ashland County Ashland Township _____
 Name and Address of Owner Unique Ventures LLC
 Person Contacted _____ Owner Phone _____
 Flow: Design 20,000 GPD Present 25,500 GPD (metered - estimated)
 Trib. Pop. _____ (actual - estimated) Weather at time of inspection: Temp 60° clouds
 OEPA Personnel Walter Ariss District NWDO

1. Plant Effluent - Mark Severity No.

No.	Severity Description	No.	Turbidity	No.	Odor	No.	Color
0	None		Clear	X	None	X	Colorless
1	Mild	X					
2	Moderate		Light Solids		Musty		Grey
3	Serious						
4	Extreme		Heavy Solids		Septic		Black

2. Effect of effluent on Receiving Stream Name: unnamed trib Jerome Fork - not observed

No.	Severity Description	No.	Turbidity	No.	Odor	No.	Color
0	None		Clear		None		Colorless
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3. a. Plant has _____ excellent X good _____ fair _____ poor operation
 b. Plant has _____ excellent X good _____ fair _____ poor maintenance
 c. Sand filters have _____ excellent _____ good _____ fair _____ poor maintenance
no filters
 d. Not operating at expected efficiency due to:

- (1) _____ hydraulic overload
 (2) _____ organic/ solids overload
 (3) _____ personnel inefficiency
 (4) _____ equipment failure
 (5) _____ wastes
 (6) _____

Disinfection: (Required May 1 thru Oct.31.)	
IN	OUT
_____	_____ Chlorination Tablets
_____	_____ Dechlorination Tablets
<u>X</u>	_____ U.V.

Yes No

4. X Compliance with NPDES Permit. Periodic Violations Y N Parameters: _____
 Chronic Violations X TSS

5. X Adequate plant safety
 6. X Operation and Maintenance Service Name Dean's Backflow
 Frequency of Visits 2/week

Facility Name: Perkins

Process	# Units	Unit	If Needed - Description and Comments
Preliminary	X	Trash Trap	Pumping Frequency: <i>pumped on 6/27 + 9/12</i>
	X	Grease Trap	Pumping Frequency: <i>pumped on 6/27 + 9/12</i>
		Bar Screen	
		Comminutor	
		Flow Equalization	
Aeration Equipment	X	Plant Timer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	Cycle Time: <i>appears adequate</i>
		Motor/ Blower Unit <i>running</i>	
Secondary Treatment	X	Aeration Tank	Color: <i>good color</i> Adequate Aeration: Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
Final Settling	X	Clarifier <i>some solids around effluent weir</i>	<i>some floating solids - clear water under solids</i>
	X	Sludge Return	In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Out <input type="checkbox"/>
	X	Surface Skimmer	In <input type="checkbox"/> Out <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Fixed Media Clarifier	
Tertiary Treatment <i>none</i>		Surface Sand Filter	
		Polishing Pond	
		Other	
Disinfection		Chlorine Tube Feeder	
		Dechlorination Tube Feeder	
	X	Ultraviolet (UV)	<i>on</i>
Flow Metering <i>none</i>		Elapsed Pump Time	
		Recorder (continuous total)	
Pumps <i>none</i>		Raw Wastewater (type)	
		Sand Filter Effluent Dosing	
Sludge Handling <i>none</i>		Aerated Storage Tank	
		Sludge Drying Bed	
Sludge Disposal	X	Municipal POTW	
		Landfill	
		Land Application	
Advanced Treatment	X	Post Aeration	<i>air on - tank a little cloudy</i>
		Spray Irrigation	
		Other	