



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

Re: Seneca County  
NWOCYC  
Sewerage

November 29, 2012

Mr. Russell Howard  
Board of Directors President  
Northwestern Ohio Christian Youth Camp  
535 Richland Road  
Marion, Ohio 43302

Dear Mr. Howard:

On August 15, 2012, an inspection was made of the wastewater treatment facilities at the Northwestern Ohio Christian Youth Camp (NWOCYC). Mr. Ron Martin, Camp Director, was present at the time of the inspection.

As per our letter dated April 11, 2011 (copy enclosed), NWOCYC is to complete installation of wastewater treatment facilities in two phases as follows:

Phase 1 - Prior to the 2011 camping season: Install septic tanks to be used as temporary holding tanks at all locations. Sewage will be pumped and hauled to a municipal wastewater treatment plant (WWTP).

Phase 2 - Complete all remaining work prior to the 2013 camping season: Construct all sewer lines, pump stations and the wastewater treatment facility. Initiate operation of the wastewater treatment facility prior to the 2013 camping season.

Construction:

The camp has completed the installation of "Phase 1". The septic tanks have been installed as per the approved Permit to Install (PTI), and are currently being operated as temporary holding tanks. Copies of pictures taken during the inspection are enclosed.

As indicated above, all remaining work is to be completed prior to the 2013 camping season or, as indicated in the PTI application submittal, no later than June 1, 2013.

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Submittals:

As required in the approved PTI for the installation of multiple septic tanks for temporary use as holding tanks (PTI #812470, copy enclosed), **daily records of the holding tank operations and records are to be submitted monthly**, to include, at a minimum, the following:

*Daily records of the holding tank operations and records from both the licensed hauler and the licensed wastewater treatment facility that receives the waste shall be maintained by the applicant and submitted to the Northwest District Office of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency within 15 days after the end of each month for the previous operating period.*

*The records to be submitted monthly shall include, at a minimum:*

- a. The name of the holding tank operator;*
- b. The date sewage or industrial waste was hauled;*
- c. The volume and description of each source of sewage or industrial waste;*
- d. The name of the hauler and confirmation that the hauler is licensed through a local health department to haul wastes; and*
- e. The name and address of the receiving facility; and documentation from the receiving facility that it has received the sewage from each hauling event.*

To date, the required submittals have not been received. Be advised that this is a violation of the PTI conditions. **The holding tank operational records as indicated above should be provided to this office as soon as possible, but no later than January 15, 2013.**

NPDES Permit:

You are currently in non-compliance with your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit Part I, C - Schedule of Compliance (enclosed). An NPDES permit request for modification application should be submitted as soon as possible, to include "Part I, C - Schedule of Compliance" revised dates (items b, d and f), inclusive of the June 1, 2013, treatment system completion date.

The NPDES permit modification request form and instructions are available at the following web sites. A \$200.00 application fee must be included with the modification application, with the check made payable to the "**Treasurer of the State of Ohio**".

[http://www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/35/permits/NPDESModForm\\_fis.pdf](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/35/permits/NPDESModForm_fis.pdf)  
[http://www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/35/permits/NPDESMod\\_instructions.pdf](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/35/permits/NPDESMod_instructions.pdf)

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The lack of adequate sewage treatment and failure to comply with the NPDES permit can be cause for escalated enforcement action that may include penalties. If progress is not made to construct wastewater treatment facilities, it may be necessary to initiate enforcement action to achieve compliance.

Please respond to the above noted issues as soon as possible but no later than January 15, 2013.

If there are any questions, please contact me by email at [mary.cohen@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:mary.cohen@epa.state.oh.us) or by phone at 419-373-3014.

Yours truly,



Mary Beth Cohen  
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures

pc: Northwestern Ohio Christian Youth  
Seneca County General Health District

ec: Tracking

Part I, C - Schedule of Compliance

Municipal Construction Schedule

This entity shall attain compliance with the final effluent limitations of the permit as expeditiously as practicable, but not later than the dates developed in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. Submit revised permit to install (PTI) application and detail plans for plant and sewer system improvements to serve the entire camp as soon as possible, but not later than one (1) month from the effective date of this permit. (Event Code 01299)
- b. Commence construction as soon as possible, but not later than three (3) months after receipt of Permit to Install plan approval for plant and sewer system improvements to serve the entire camp. (Event Code 03099)
- c. Notify the Ohio EPA Northwest District Office within seven days of construction initiation.
- d. Complete construction as soon as possible, but not later than 12 months from the effective date of this permit. (Event Code 04599)
- e. Notify the Ohio EPA Northwest District Office within seven days of construction completion.
- f. Attain operational level of the treatment works and meet final effluent limitations as soon as possible, but not later than 12 months from the effective date of this permit. (Event Code 05599)
- g. Notify the Ohio EPA Northwest District Office within seven days of attaining operational level.

Temporary Holding Tanks









