



John R. Kasich, Governor  
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November 29, 2012

RE: MEDINA COUNTY  
LIVERPOOL TOWNSHIP  
CHEROKEE HILLS GOLF CLUB  
COPPERTOP RESTAURANT  
5740 CENTER ROAD  
COMPLIANCE INSPECTION  
(NPDES NO. 3PR00542)

Cherokee Hills Golf Course  
Coppertop Restaurant  
5740 Center Road  
Valley City, OH 44280  
Attn: Mr. Mark Haddad

Dear Mr. Haddad:

On November 1, 2012, this writer conducted a compliance evaluation inspection (CEI) on the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) serving the Coppertop Restaurant and Cherokee Hills Golf Course, located at 5740 Center Road, Liverpool Township, Medina County.

The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the WWTP's operation and maintenance condition, and to assess compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit effluent limits. The facility was issued an NPDES permit to discharge, No. 3PR00542\*AD, on February 10, 2012, and was effective as of March 1, 2012.

At the time of the November 1<sup>st</sup> inspection, the following observations were made of the existing sewage system:

- 1) The trash trap contained a thick mat of floating solids/scum on top of its contents, and is in need of pumping.
- 2) The 1500 gpd aeration tank was being aerated, and its contents were very dark brown in color. The return sludge line was returning clear water from the settling tank to the aeration tank.



The settling tank portion of the WWTP had a thick layer of floating scum on the surface of its contents. There appeared to not be a skimmer, or if there is an existing skimmer in the settling tank, it was not operating.

- 3) The WWTP does not have any type of tertiary treatment (e.g. surface sand filters), nor any type of disinfection facilities (e.g. Chlorination/dechlorination, or Ultra Violet light).



On February 10, 2012, an NPDES permit to discharge (No. 3PR00542\*AD) was issued to Cherokee Hills Golf Course. The permit went effective on March 1, 2012, and it contains both an interim and final table for the WWTP effluent.

The interim, final effluent table, which is in effect until March 1, 2014, requires quarterly sampling and analysis for Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Suspended Solids, Ammonia, E. coli, and CBOD. The interim table also requires daily reporting of flow rates, and weekly reporting of Turbidity.

The final, final effluent table, which is effective March 1, 2014, until the permit expiration date of February 28, 2017, requires specific numeric limits be met for the above parameters.

Both the interim and final effluent table sampling results and operating data are required to be reported on a monthly basis to the Ohio EPA.

A search for the operating data for the wastewater treatment plant was conducted prior to the inspection. The electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) data covered the period of March 1, 2012 (NPDES permit effective date) through November 1, 2012. The screening process found no data had been submitted for the period reviewed. **Please be advised that non-reporting of required parameters is a violation of the NPDES permit, and is subject to enforcement action by the Ohio EPA.**

A review of the Ohio EPA Operator of Record (ORC) data base in Columbus indicates there are four persons on record (Lonnie McGhee, Brock McGhee, Luke McGee, and Wes Croft), that are listed as being responsible for operating & maintaining the WWTP, as well as collecting and reporting any sample results required by the facility's NPDES permit. The ORC notification was effective as of October 16, 2012.

A subsequent search for eDMR data, reported since the operator of record information was filed October 16<sup>th</sup>, found operating data was submitted on November 19, 2012, for the month of October 2012. Only data for flow and turbidity was contained in the October 2012 eDMR submittal.

Also contained within the facility's NPDES permit is a construction compliance schedule, which has specific deadlines that must be met for upgrading the existing WWTP, such that it will be able to meet the final effluent limits by March 1, 2014. The compliance schedule deadlines contained within the NPDES permit are as follows:

- a) Submit detail plans for WWTP improvements to meet final effluent limits not later than November 1, 2012.
- b) Commence construction of WWTP improvements by July 1, 2013.
- c) Complete construction of WWTP improvements by January 1, 2014.
- d) Attain operational level and meet final effluent limits by March 1, 2014.

**Please be advised that, as of the date of this correspondence, the detail plan submittal for WWTP improvements is past due (November 1, 2012), and you are in violation of your NPDES permit for this as well.**

Please inform this office in writing, within fourteen days of the receipt of this correspondence, as to the reasons why the required monitoring and reporting was not conducted, and when the detail plans for WWTP upgrade will be submitted to this office. **Failure to begin sampling and reporting of effluent results, and/or submittal of detail plans for the WWTP upgrade, may result in referral to Columbus for legal enforcement action.**

Should you have any comments or questions regarding this letter, please contact this office.

Respectfully,



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