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December 18, 2012

GEAUGA COUNTY
CHARDON
LITTLE EAGLE DRIVE THRU
NPDES# 3IG00055*DD

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. John Krizman
11114 Chardon Road
Chardon, Ohio 44024

Dear Mr. Krizman:

On December 13, 2012, this writer conducted an inspection of the sewage treatment plant serving the above referenced facility. The intent of the inspection was to assess the operations and maintenance of the treatment system and notify you of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit violations. The NPDES for Little Eagle Drive Thru expired September 30, 2012. To date, this office has not received a renewal application.

According to Agency records, the wastewater treatment system was installed under Ohio EPA PTI 02-3401, which was effective August 7, 1987. The wastewater system includes a 400 gallon trash trap, an existing 1500 gallon extended aeration treatment plant (existing from previous system), 500 gallon dosing chamber, 133 square foot surface sand filter and chlorination/dechlorination.

NPDES PERMIT COMPLIANCE

You are in non-compliance for failure to submit a renewal NPDES permit application. Your NPDES permit expired September 30, 2012. Your renewal application was due to this office 180 days prior to the expiration date. Discharging without an effective NPDES permit is a violation of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 6111 and subject to enforcement actions. To prevent this matter from being for an enforcement action, the renewal NPDES permit application must be submitted to this office by December 31, 2012

The permit compliance review indicates you have violated the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit. The facility has failed to conduct the required monitoring and has failed to submit any discharge monitoring reports for the entire length of the active permit. This is a violation of your NPDES permit and subject to enforcement actions pursuant ORC, Chapter 6111. You must respond in writing by June 14, 2010 explaining corrective actions taken to correct this deficiency and avoid recurrence.

The wastewater treatment plant is currently classified by the Ohio EPA as a Class I wastewater treatment facility. This classification is located in the NPDES permit which had an effective date of October 1, 2007. As such, the facility is required to obtain the services of a Class I State Certified Operator. It is understood the facility has not obtained a certified operator. The facility must obtain a certified operator by January 1, 2013.

According to OAC 3745-7-04, the minimum staffing requirements for a Class I facility is three days per week for a minimum of 1.5 hours per week.

INSPECTION SUMMARY

Below are the findings and recommendations from the inspection:

The aeration tank appeared to be provided with adequate aeration. One blower is present at the facility and was in operation at the time of the inspection. The contents of the aeration portion of the plant appeared to be a light brownish gray color. The settling chamber had some solids accumulating on the surface and sidewalls of the tank. The surfaces of the clarifier must be scraped down to remove the solids accumulating on the sidewalls.

This facility hauls solids offsite for further treatment/handling. At the time of the inspection, it was not certain what hauler is used and where the solids are hauled. This information must be obtained and forwarded to this office as soon as possible.

The dosing station contains two pumps which dose the surface sand filters. At the time of the inspection, the dosing chamber appeared 1/2 full and both pumps were operable. The pumps appeared to be in satisfactory condition.

The sand filters contained sand that was in satisfactory condition. The filter beds appeared to be raked and maintained. One filter bed contained some vegetation and solids accumulation. The filters must be maintained with routine raking of the media.

The chlorination/dechlorination was inspected and no chlorination and dechlorination tablets were provided as the disinfection season has ended. Please be aware, your NPDES permit contains chlorine and fecal limits, which requires you to chlorinate (and subsequently dechlorinate) from May through October each year.

SUMMARY

In summary, the following items must be completed within the required deadline:

- 1) Submit written response by December 27, 2012 summarizing the corrective actions taken to correct the non submittal of the discharge monitoring reports and the expired NPDES permit. The letter must also address how the facility will avoid recurrence of this issue.
- 2) Submit an NPDES renewal application (Forms 1, 2E, 2S and Antidegradation Addendum) as soon as possible but no later than January 7, 2013. Copies of the required forms are included with this letter.
- 3) The facility must obtain the services of a Class I certified operator by January 7, 2013 and submit the Operator of Record Form (copy enclosed) showing the operator's name and license.

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Failure to complete any of the above noted items may result in this matter being referred to our legal section for an enforcement action. Should you have any comments or questions regarding this letter, please contact this office at (330)963-1299.

Respectfully,



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Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures: NPDES renewal application forms 1, 2E, 2S
Antidegradation Addendum
ORC form

cc: Geauga County Health Department