



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

January 15, 2013

Re: Athens County
The Plains SD WWTP
Notice of Violation
NPDES Permit 0PJ00005*HD
Correspondence (PWW)

Athens County Board of Commissioners
15 South Court Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear Commissioners:

We have received your self-monitoring reports covering the months of January through November 2012 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates a violation of the conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance and/or deficiencies are as follows:

| Reporting Period | Outfall | Parameter | Limit Type | Limit | Reported Value* | Violation Date |
|------------------|---------|-----------|------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|
| May 2012 | 001 | E. coli | | | AK | 5/1/2012 |
| May 2012 | 001 | E. coli | | | AK | 5/8/2012 |
| September 2012 | 001 | E. coli | | | AK | 9/6/2012 |
| September 2012 | 001 | E. coli | | | AK | 9/20/2012 |
| September 2012 | 001 | E. coli | | | AK | 9/25/2012 |

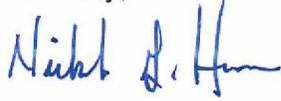
*AK = Biological Sample Too Numerous To Count

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations or to satisfy the monitoring or reporting requirements of your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111.

If you have not already done so, please inform this office, in writing, within ten days of receipt of this notification, as to the reasons for the above-referenced violations, as well as a description of the actions taken or proposed to prevent any further violations. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for completion of the actions.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5416 or nick.hammer@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nick G. Hammer". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Nicholas G. Hammer
Environmental Specialist
Permits and Enforcement Section
Division of Surface Water

NH/dh

c: Rich Kasler, Supt. of Wastewater, The Plains SD WWTP