



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

January 14, 2013

RE: COLUMBIANA COUNTY
SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOLS
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3PT00098
SOUTHERN LOCAL SCHOOLS WWTP
38095 STATE ROUTE 39

Mr. James Herring, Superintendent
Southern Local Schools
38095 State Route Road
Salineville, OH 43945

Dear Mr. Herring:

On December 12, 2012, this writer conducted an inspection of Southern Local Schools Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 38095 State Route 39. The purpose of the inspection was to review the water pollution control facilities and evaluate compliance with the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The draft NPDES permit will be available for your review shortly. The following was observed at the time of the inspection:

- 1) The facility appeared well maintained and well operated. The maintenance supervisor is currently providing a high degree of oversight. A review of the Discharge Monitoring Reports for the period of January 2012 through November 2012 revealed only six days of violations of the NPDES permit effluent discharge criteria. These are attached to this correspondence.
- 2) At the time of the inspection, all treatment processes appeared satisfactory. The aeration tanks had good color, and the clarifiers appeared to be producing a satisfactory effluent. The effluent appeared satisfactory as it discharged to an unnamed tributary of the North Fork of Yellow Creek.
- 3) The final settling tank effluent appeared satisfactory. Only one settling tank was in use. The surface sand filters were in need of some minor cleaning.
- 4) This facility will be designated as Class A for an operator's license when the permit is renewed.

Should you have any comments or concerns regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1193.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph E. Trocchio".

Joseph E. Trocchio, P.E.
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Jim Brown, Operator
Greg Kuhar, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, Southern Local Schools

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