



John R. Kasich, Governor
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February 5, 2013

RE: COLUMBIANA COUNTY
CITY OF SALEM
SALEM OIL COMPANY
PERMIT NO: 3IG00088*CD

Mr. Craig Weingart, Owner
Salem Oil Company
445 Prospect Street
Salem, OH 44460

Dear Mr. Weingart:

On January 15, 2013, this writer conducted an inspection of Salem Oil Company located at 445 Prospect Street, Salem, Ohio. 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 following was observed at the time of the inspection:

- 1) The facility currently uses above ground storage tanks for product storage. There is a service station and a storage garage with one floor drain. Storm water on the site is contained in the dike surrounding the storage tanks. When the dike is full, the water is manually routed through an oil and grease separator prior to discharge to Stone Mill Run via storm sewer. At the time of the inspection, there was no discharge and the area was snow covered.
- 2) During the last inspection you were directed to have the oil and grease separator pumped out and disposed of properly. Please provide the company servicing this unit and where the contents are being disposed of.
- 3) Drainage from the storage garage was being routed directly to Stone Mill Run via storm sewer. Has this drain been sealed to prevent an illicit discharge to waters of the state? If the floor drain cannot be sealed, please apply for a holding tank permit-to-install (PTI).
- 4) A review of the last two years monthly operating report data revealed that no effluent data was submitted last four months. There was no data provided for the flow rate. This data must be provided. Minimally elapsed time meters must be installed on the pumps. This facility is currently in significant non-compliance for failing to comply with the monthly monitoring requirements of its NPDES permit.
- 5) A couple of the parameters were elevated. Chemical Oxygen Demand levels above 20 mg/l (typical background) indicate some source of pollutants. Total Organic Carbon levels of 300-500 mg/l are abnormally high also. The tank must be serviced regularly and operations must be evaluated to prevent elevated levels of pollutants. If these

parameters remain at elevated levels such as this then additional equipment may be necessary. A written response must be provided to outline the corrective actions to be taken to eliminate these problems.

This facility is currently in violation of Ohio Revised Code 6111 for failure to comply with the monitoring requirements of its NPDES permit. Please note that failure to comply with the NPDES permit is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 6111.04 and 6111.07. Violations of ORC 6111 are punishable by fines of up to \$10,000 per day of violation.

Please respond in writing by February 22, 2013, as to how the above deficiencies will be addressed.

Should you have any comments or concerns regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1138.

Respectfully,



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

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cc: Matt Hoops, City of Salem

ec: Virginia Wilson, P.E., Ohio EPA, DSW, NEDO
Dean Stoll, P.E., Enforcement Coordinator, Ohio EPA, DSW, NEDO

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