



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

February 6, 2013

RE: SAINT JOSEPH PARISH
PERMIT NO. 3PR00263
PORTAGE COUNTY
RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP

Father Edward R. Wieczorek
Saint Joseph Parish
2643 Waterloo Road
Mogadore, Ohio 44260

Dear Father Wieczorek:

On January 29, 2013, an inspection of the above referenced facility's wastewater treatment system was conducted. No one was present during the inspection to represent the facility. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the treatment system along with the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the above referenced National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit

During the inspection, the following items were noted/observed:

1. The plant design of the wastewater treatment system is 15,000 gpd.
2. In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3745-7-04, the sewage treatment facility is classified as a Class A facility. The classification requires that the Operator of Record be physically present at the treatment works two days per week for a minimum of one hour per week.
3. Ohio EPA has on record that the current Operator of Record is Mr. Gary R. McFarland. The date of notification on record is October 25, 2011.
4. A logbook is required to be maintained at the site, which documents the time requirement is being met along with maintenance duties being performed at the treatment plant. A common practice is to leave the logbook inside the electrical control box or inside a mailbox within the fenced in area of the treatment system. **No logbook was observed.**
5. The blower was running and the plant was receiving good aeration.
6. The flow equalization basin was also being aerated.
7. The contents of the aeration tank were light to medium brown in color and no foam was present
8. Both sludge return lines were functioning properly and returning light brown water.
9. The skimmer return line was functioning and returning clear water.
10. The skimmer was adjusted to the appropriate level and was drawing in water from the surface of the settling tank as designed.
11. No scum/solids deposition was present behind the baffle in the settling tank.
12. The weirs and the trough in the settling tank were free of solids.
13. The surface of the settling tank was free of floating solids.
14. The surface sand filter consisted of two cells. Both cells appeared to be well maintained. Minimal vegetation was present in each cell. It should be noted that

both cells should be maintained free of sludge, vegetation, and leaf debris at all times. All material removed from the cells should be properly disposed at a licensed solid waste landfill. Placing this material in the facility's dumpster is acceptable.

15. The tablet chlorination and de-chlorination dispensing tubes were not evaluated since disinfection is not required during winter. Winter is defined as the period from November 1st through April 30th.
16. The chlorination and de-chlorination dispensing tubes should be continuously stocked with the appropriate tablets during summer. Summer is defined as the period from May 1st through October 31st.
17. The discharge was clear.
18. No visual impact at the discharge point was observed
19. A permanent marker was posted at the entrance of the perimeter gate surrounding the wastewater treatment plant per the requirement of Part II, letter J. of the facility's NPDES permit.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period November 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are as follows:

Limit Violations

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12	16.3333	1/1/2011
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	1D Conc	18	19.	1/26/2011
001	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Qty	0.568	16010.5	4/1/2011
001	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Qty	0.852	16010.5	4/8/2011
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	5.64	7/22/2011
001	00300	Dissolved Oxygen	1D Conc	6.0	5.86	8/23/2011

No frequency or code violations were noted.

The April 2011 loading violations are the result of the flow rate being reported in gallons per day instead of millions of gallons per day as required by the NPDES permit. This was the first month the reporting change took effect in the facility's new NPDES permit. Since then, the problem has been corrected.

It should be noted that if sanitary sewers become available, abandonment of the treatment plant and immediate connection to sanitary sewers will be required by this office.

Please notify this office in writing, within 14 days receipt of this letter, of your intentions to address items 4. The letter should include a date, either actual or proposed, for completion of the action.

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Please be advised that such instances of noncompliance may be cause for enforcement actions pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at (330)963-1143.

Respectfully,



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