



John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
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Re: **Notice of Violation**
Allen County
Bluffton WWTP
Ohio EPA Permit No. 2PC00005
NPDES Permit No. OH0020851

March 11, 2013

Mr. Dan Bowden
WWTP Superintendent
Village of Bluffton
P.O. Box 63
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Dear Mr. Bowden:

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring report covering the months of July through December 2012 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The specific instances of non-compliance are enclosed on a separate sheet. We have received your email responses dated October 31, 2012, and February 5, 2013, and require no further information at this time.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements, including adequate laboratory controls, appropriate quality assurance procedures, and records retention, as specified in your Part III-General Conditions of your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. If these violations continue to occur and if satisfactory progress is not made, it may be necessary to initiate enforcement action to achieve compliance.

The Ohio EPA strongly encourages pollution prevention as the preferred approach for waste management. The first priority of pollution prevention is to eliminate the generation of wastes and pollutants at the source (source reduction). For those wastes or pollutants that are generated, the second priority is to recycle or reuse them in an environmentally sound manner. You can benefit economically, help preserve the environment, and improve your public image by implementing pollution prevention programs. Information about Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance & Pollution Prevention can be found on Ohio EPA's Website at <http://epa.ohio.gov/ocapp> or by calling (614) 644 – 3469.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Justin Williams at (419) 373 – 3022.

Sincerely,

Thomas Poffenbarger, P.E.
Water Quality Engineer II/Unit Supervisor
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure
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Violations for Village of Bluffton WWTP - July - December 2012

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PC00005*KD	September 2012	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	6.3	9/1/2012
2PC00005*KD	December 2012	001	50092	Mercury, Total (Low Le	30D Conc	8.4	10.7	12/1/2012