



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

Re: **Notice of Violation**
Allen County
Lima WWTP
Ohio EPA Permit No. 2PE00000
NPDES Permit No. OH0023841

March 11, 2013

Mr. Russell C. Bales
Superintendent
City of Lima
50 Town Square
Lima, Ohio 45801-4900

Dear Mr. Bales:

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 emailed responses dated August 2, 2012, and January 23, 2013, regarding the pH, Minimum, and Chronic Toxicity, Ceriodaphnia dubia, violations and require no further information at this time. Please inform this office in writing as to the reasons for the AD Code violations in August and November 2012. Your response must include 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.

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

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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

pc: Mr. David L. Schnipke, City of Lima

ec: NOV Tracking

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Violations for City of Lima WWTTP - July - December 2012

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PE00000*LD	August 2012	001	61942	pH, Minimum	1D Conc	6.5	5.6	8/1/2012
2PE00000*LD	December 2012	604	61426	Chronic Toxicity, Ceri	1D Conc	1.7	5.4	12/10/2012

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2PE00000*LD	August 2012	005	74063	Overflow Volume			AD	8/4/2012
2PE00000*LD	August 2012	601	61941	pH, Maximum			AD	8/4/2012
2PE00000*LD	August 2012	601	61942	pH, Minimum			AD	8/4/2012
2PE00000*LD	August 2012	601	61941	pH, Maximum			AD	8/5/2012
2PE00000*LD	August 2012	601	61942	pH, Minimum			AD	8/5/2012
2PE00000*LD	August 2012	601	61941	pH, Maximum			AD	8/6/2012
2PE00000*LD	November 2012	001	50050	Flow Rate			AD	11/24/2012
2PE00000*LD	November 2012	603	50050	Flow Rate			AD	11/24/2012
2PE00000*LD	November 2012	603	80998	Bypass Occurrence, Num			AD	11/24/2012
2PE00000*LD	November 2012	603	80999	Bypass Duration, Hours			AD	11/24/2012
2PE00000*LD	November 2012	604	50050	Flow Rate			AD	11/24/2012
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