



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

March 8, 2013

**RE: TRUMBULL COUNTY  
BLOOMFIELD TWP.  
GALLO'S AUTO SALES  
GENERAL PERMIT NO. OHS000003  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3GS00143**

Joe and Carol Gallo  
Gallo's Auto Sales  
8817 SR 45N  
North Bloomfield, Ohio 44450

Mr. and Mrs. Gallo:

Ohio EPA performed a compliance evaluation inspection of the wastewater treatment works serving the above-referenced facility on February 28, 2013. The inspection was performed to evaluate the overall operation and maintenance of the treatment works, and determine the facility's compliance with the terms and conditions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

The existing treatment system consists of a 750-gallon trash trap, a 750-gpd pre-fabricated aerobic treatment unit, 500-gallon dose tank, dual-unit slow surface sand filters, and a UV disinfection basin with reaeration. Treated effluent is discharged to a nearby storm sewer.

During the inspection, the following observations and/or deficiencies were noted:

1. The overall operation and maintenance of the treatment works was satisfactory. All treatment units appeared to be in working condition.
2. The sand filters need to be cleaned and raked level.
3. Please install stone riprap around the concrete splash pads in the sand filters.
4. The locking cable on the sand filter covers does not provide adequate protection against unauthorized access. Please install some type of hinged locking mechanism on the sand filters to prevent unauthorized access. Additionally, please ensure that all tank lids and boxes are securely fastened/locked at all times.
5. A bound and numbered logbook was not observed at the facility. Please ensure that a bound and numbered logbook is maintained on site, and used to document all operation and maintenance activities at the treatment plant. Plant operation and maintenance personnel should log their time in and out, the date, a brief description of the work performed, and their initials.

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6. The final effluent appeared to be clear, and was not causing any immediately-noticeable, adverse impacts to the receiving stream.
7. Part IV, I of the facility's general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit requires that an outfall sign be erected no later than four months from the effective date of this permit. During the inspection, no such outfall sign was observed. The NPDES permit can be accessed and downloaded from the following weblink:  
[http://www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/35/permits/SmallSanitary\\_Final\\_GP\\_dec09.pdf](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/35/permits/SmallSanitary_Final_GP_dec09.pdf)

In addition to the inspection findings, a review of the facility's monthly electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports received by Ohio EPA for the period October 2011 – January 2013 indicated that you have failed to submit any of the required reporting data since the permit became effective on October 1, 2011. Ohio EPA has mailed out multiple notices in the past advising you of the need to submit the required monitoring and effluent sampling data. Failure to submit reporting data as required by the NPDES permit is a violation of the terms and conditions of the NPDES permit.

To submit the required monitoring and sampling data, you must set up an eBusiness account on Ohio EPA's website. Please visit the following weblink, <https://ebiz.epa.ohio.gov/>, to set up your eBusiness account. For specific questions regarding setting up your account or submitting reporting data, please contact James Roberts at (614) 644-2054.

Part IV, H of the facility's general NPDES permit requires that the permittee designate an operator of record to oversee the technical operation and maintenance of the treatment works. The facility is classified as a Class A facility, and should therefore be operated and maintained by a person with a valid Class A wastewater license. This office has no documentation on file indicating that such an operator has been designated for the facility. Please complete the enclosed Operator of Record Notification (ORC) form to ensure that this requirement is met.

This office also noted that the wastewater treatment works and the main office building sit on different parcels that are under common ownership. Wastewater treatment systems must be contained on the same parcel they serve. As such, please see to it that a lot consolidation is performed to combine both parcels into one lot. You must provide to this office, within 12 months' receipt of this letter, written documentation demonstrating that the lot consolidation has been performed.

Please note that failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the NPDES permit may be subject to enforcement actions pursuant to Chapter 6111 of the Ohio Revised Code. Such actions can result in fines of up to \$10,000 per day of violation.

Please provide to this office, within 14 days' receipt of this letter, written documentation describing the actions that have been taken, or will be taken, to address the items described in this letter. Your response shall include specific dates for the initiation and completion of this action plan.

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Should you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact this office at (330) 963-1120.

Respectfully,



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Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Steve Kramer, R.S., Trumbull County Health Department

Attachments: Photographs

Enclosures: ORC form

