



John R. Kasich, Governor
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March 7, 2013

RE: TOBIN CENTER
8363 COUNTY HOME ROAD
COMPLIANCE EVALUATION INSPECTION,
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3PR00301
CENTER TOWNSHIP
COLUMBIANA COUNTY

Mr. Troy Graft, P.E.
Chief Engineer
Columbiana County Engineer
105 South Market Street
Lisbon, OH 44432

Dear Mr. Graft:

On March 6, 2013, this writer conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the Tobin Center Wastewater Treatment Plant located at the above referenced address. The County was represented by Mr. Don Harrison.

The following is a summary of the inspection:

There is a trash trap at the head of the plant. The aeration tank had a weak color, and the returns were operating. The clarifier was producing an effluent with some minor pin floc going over the weirs.

The surface sand filters were in need of repair and the concrete walls were collapsing. The filters were no longer operable. A chlorine tank was present and chemicals are not necessary during this time of the year. No Dechlorination was being provided at this facility.

The plant has been experiencing high flows. Reported values of 12,000 gpd well exceed the plant design of 8,000 gpd.

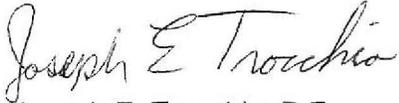
A review of the effluent data revealed some violations at this location. However, this plant will be abandoned in the next month. The current plant does not have all the equipment necessary to meet all parameters, which is why it is being eliminated. The County appears to be maintaining the plant as well as can be expected during construction of the new plant. The agency will be glad when this plant is abandoned for the new plant which will be able to meet current permit standards.

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The County has added some additional staffing and all the plants are better maintained. Also, additional supervision, Mr. Don Harrison, has been employed and there is now a regimented maintenance schedule that facilitates repairs at all the treatment plants. The County now has multiple spare parts available and repairs to the various systems are completed in a timely fashion.

Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1193.

Respectfully,



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