



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

Re: Notice of Violation  
Putnam County  
Pandora WWTP  
NPDES Permit

April 1, 2013

Mr. Stan Schneck  
Village Administrator  
Village of Pandora  
P.O. Box 193  
Pandora, Ohio 45877

Dear Mr. Schneck:

On March 20, 2013, an inspection of the Pandora Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) was conducted. You and Mr. Jeff Vance were present and provided information concerning the operation and maintenance of the plant. There was a trickling flow observed through the 002 discharge that was believed to be surface water flowing through the rock filter. The discharge to Riley Creek was clear with a slight sulfur odor. The lagoon valves were closed. The lagoon did not appear to be discharging and the water level appeared to be relatively full.

A review of the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) from April 2012 to March 2013 shows that there have been numerous permit limit violations for phosphorus. The specific instances of non-compliance are enclosed on a separate sheet. Further review of your self-monitoring reports for the previous six months, ending in January 2013, indicates that you are in significant non-compliance (SNC) with the phosphorus effluent limitation contained in your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The specific instance of SNC is enclosed on a separate sheet.

It was indicated in your letter dated November 20, 2012, that the Village has looked at several options for phosphorus removal and has contacted several sewer users looking for potential sources. During the inspection, we discussed that the Village may need to use chemical treatment to lower the phosphorus level. If the Village is still in SNC by September 1, 2013, escalated enforcement action will be pursued.

Our completed inspection report is enclosed. If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3053.

Sincerely,

Ryan Gierhart  
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures  
pc: Mayor and Council, Village of Pandora  
ec: Tracking



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Northwest District Office

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding					
Permit #	NPDES#	Month/Day/Year	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
2PB00029*GD	OH0021148	03/20/2013	C	S	1

Section B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Village of Pandora WWTP County Road 6 Pandora OH 45877	2:30 pm	12/1/2010
	Exit Time 3:30 pm	Permit Expiration Date 6/30/2014
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representatives	Phone Number(s)	
Mr. Jeff Vance, Operator Mr. Stan Schneck, Village Administrator	419-384-7600	
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number	
Mayor and Council Village of Pandora P.O. Box 193 Pandora, Ohio 45877	419-384-3112	

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection					
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)					
S	Permit	S	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment
S	Records/Reports	N	Laboratory	N	Compliance Schedule
S	Operations & Maintenance	S	Effluent/Receiving Waters	S	Self-Monitoring Program
S	Facility Site Review	N	Sludge Storage/Disposal	N	Other
N	Collection System				

**Section D: Summary of Findings (Attach additional sheets if necessary)**

The lagoons are now being operated as control discharge lagoons and are being discharged every two months. There was a trickling flow going through the 002 discharge. The discharge valve for the final lagoon was closed; the flow was believed to be from surface water flowing through the rock filters.

The water levels in the lagoons appeared relatively high. It was noted that lagoons were going to be discharged soon.

The facility is in significant noncompliance (SNC) for phosphorus.

It was noted that the discharge signs have been installed.

Inspector	Reviewer
<i>Ryan Gierhart</i> Ryan Gierhart Environmental Specialist II Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office	<i>Thomas Poffenbarger</i> Thomas Poffenbarger, P.E. Water Quality Engineer II/Unit Supervisor Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office
3-26-13 Date	3/25/13 Date

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PB00029*JD	April 2012	002	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	30D Conc	1.0	2.09	4/1/2012
2PB00029*JD	August 2012	002	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	30D Conc	1.0	1.71	8/1/2012
2PB00029*JD	September 2012	002	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	30D Conc	1.0	1.27	9/1/2012
2PB00029*JD	December 2012	002	00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	30D Conc	1.0	1.5	12/1/2012

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### Facilities in Significant Non-Compliance \*\*

Period: Aug-12 Jan-13

County	Permit #	Facility Name	Major	Station Code	Param Code	Parameter Name	Max % Exceed	# Months Signif Exceed (1)**	# Months Exceed (2)**
Putnam	2PB00029	Pandora WWTP			2 00665	Phosphorus, Total (P)	71	2	3