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May 6, 2013

RE: THE INN
OHIO EPA PERMIT 3PR00427
ANDOVER TWP, ASHTABULA COUNTY
COMPLIANCE INSPECTION EVALUATION

Mr. Jason Coder, Owner
The Inn
4791 U.S. Route 6
Andover, OH 44003

Dear Mr. Coder:

On May 2, 2013, a site inspection was conducted at the above referenced facility at 4791 U.S. Route 6, Andover Township, Ashtabula County. The inspection was conducted by John Schmidt of this office, and Roger Osburn of Lewis Wastewater Management represented The Inn during the inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the facility's compliance status with respect to the terms and conditions of the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and in conjunction with a pre-permit inspection associated with the renewal of this permit. The last compliance inspection was conducted on May 14, 2012.

The system consists of two 1,000 gallon septic tanks in series, a 500 gallon dosing chamber, five peat bio-filters, a chlorine contact tank, dechlorination, and post-disinfection aeration. The system is located behind a house that shares the tavern's address. Septage is removed from the septic tanks when needed and hauled to a publically owned treatment works (POTW). The system discharges to an unnamed tributary to Pymatuning Creek adjacent to the north side of the facility. The facility is fitted with visual alarms.

Observations

Following are observations made during the inspection:

1. The plant is operated by Roger Osburn of Lewis Wastewater Services on behalf of The Inn.
2. Log books, contract, operations and maintenance manual, and NPDES permit are maintained at the site and were available for inspection. Log books were determined compliant with OAC 3745-7-09.
3. The design flow of the treatment system is 740 gallons per day. The plant serves both the tavern and adjacent home used as a rental property. The bio-filter dosing station operates on a timer, and was operating at the time of the inspection.
4. The bio-filter dosing chamber pumps were cycled and found in operable condition. Maintenance on the bio filters (inspecting and aerating the peat) was performed in August 2012.
5. The chlorination and dechlorination systems were found stocked with appropriate chemicals and operating at the time of the inspection. The tank contents were observed as clear, but the tank appears to need a cleaning. The post-dechlorination aeration lines stopped working on April 22, 2013. Parts have been ordered and the pumps are expected be in operation soon.
6. The final discharge pipe at the tributary to Pymatuning Creek north of the plant was observed as discharging a satisfactory visual quality effluent.

7. Roger Osburn of Lewis Wastewater Management monitors the facility, and performs the routine sampling. Dustin Lewis is an alternate operator. Lewis Wastewater Management submits the electronic discharge monitoring report (eDMR) through Ohio EPA's Web-based application.
8. Ohio EPA notes that annual sludge reports indicate that no sludge has been removed from this facility, although indicated during the inspection that the septic tank contents are periodically pumped.

NPDES Permit Compliance Review

A review of the electronic discharge self-monitoring reports (eDMRs) received by Ohio EPA for the period June 1, 2012 through April 1, 2013 indicates apparent noncompliance of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit as noted below:

Effluent Limit Violations

No violations of effluent limits were noted for the monitoring period reviewed.

Reporting Code Violations

No reporting code or reporting frequency violations were noted for the monitoring period reviewed.

Compliance Schedule

Ohio EPA notes the following regarding your compliance schedule contained within your NPDES permit:

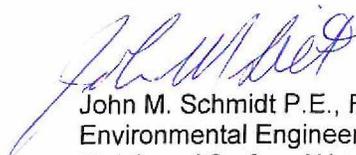
Permit Effective Date	Permit Expiration Date	Schedule Due Date	Completion Date	Event Code	Schedule Type	Schedule Milestone
01/01/2012	12/31/2016	01/01/2013	Not Complete	95999	Report	E. Coli Evaluation
01/01/2012	12/31/2016	02/01/2013	Not Applicable	95999	Construction	Submit PTI if Needed
01/01/2012	12/31/2016	07/01/2013	09/01/2012	05699	Construction	Achieve Final Limits

To-date, Ohio EPA has not received a status report on the ability of the treatment system to meet effluent limits for E.Coli. Based upon a review of the eDMR data for the time period reviewed, it appears that this facility will be able to meet the effluent limits. Please provide a status report as soon as possible.

Please inform this office, in writing, within 30 days of the date of this letter as to the actions we discussed that have been or will be taken to correct the above noncompliance or explanations if you believe the noncompliance issues noted are in error. Your response to this letter should include the dates that the actions have been or will be completed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this inspection, please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1175.

Respectively,



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Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Dustin Lewis. Lewis Wastewater Management
Roger Osburn

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