



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

Re: **Notice of Violation**
Auglaize County
Minster WWTP
Ohio EPA Permit No. 2PB00036
NPDES Permit No. OH0026573

June 3, 2013

Mr. Daniel P. Haehn
WWTP & WTP Superintendent
Village of Minster
P.O. Box 1
Minster, Ohio 45865

Dear Mr. Haehn:

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring reports covering the months of January through March 2013 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. Further review of your self-monitoring reports for the previous six months, ending in March 2013, indicates that you are in significant non-compliance (SNC) with an effluent limitation contained in your NPDES permit. The specific instance of SNC is enclosed on a separate sheet.

We have received your response for the above mentioned violations.

A facility becomes in SNC when it exceeds the effluent limit for four or more months in two consecutive quarters or exceeds the effluent limit significantly in any two months in two consecutive quarters. Achieving compliance with Ohio's environmental laws is a primary focus of Ohio EPA in order to reduce risks to public health and welfare.

Your response to the violations included reasons for the violations and proposed actions to be taken and indicated also stated actions that were taken during the time period of the violations. Your response did not include a timeframe in which the proposed actions would be taken.

Within 14 days of the date of this letter, please submit, in writing, the actions that you propose to undertake in order to return your facility to compliance with your NPDES permit. In that response you will need to provide a timeline for these actions. These actions and timetable may also be submitted by email to Mr. Justin Williams at Justin.Williams@epa.ohio.gov.

If we do not receive your timely response or if your response does not adequately address the violations included with this letter, the Director of Ohio EPA will likely take an enforcement action against you to bring this treatment facility into compliance with Ohio law.

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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 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 or if you wish to meet with our office to discuss this matter, please contact Mr. Justin Williams at (419) 373 – 3022 **within 10 days** of receiving this letter.

Sincerely,



Thomas Poffenbarger, P.E.
Water Quality Engineer II/Unit Supervisor
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

ec: NOV Tracking

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Violations for Minister WWTP January - March 2013

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PB00036*LD	March 2013	002	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Conc	12.0	31.6666	3/1/2013
2PB00036*LD	March 2013	002	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	114	208.387	3/1/2013
2PB00036*LD	March 2013	002	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	18.0	95.	3/8/2013
2PB00036*LD	March 2013	002	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Qty	171	693.067	3/8/2013

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Facilities in Significant Non-Compliance **

Period: Oct-12 Mar-13

County	Permit #	Facility Name	Major	Station Code	Param Code	Parameter Name	Max % Exceed	# Months Signif. Exceed (1)**	# Months Exceed (2)**
Auglaize	2PB00036	Minster WWTP	M	2	00530	Total Suspended Solids	427.8	2	2

Footnotes

for Significant NonCompliance

** Significant non-compliance with effluent limits occurred if one or more pollutants met the following conditions:

1. During 2 or more months, the reported effluent concentration (or computed load) for a parameter exceeded an effluent limit by:
 - a. 40% for Group 1 pollutants **plus Fecal Coliform**
 - b. 20% for Group 2 pollutants **plus pH, Temperature, whole effluent toxicity**-- or --
2. During 4 or more months, the reported concentration (or computed load) exceeded the limit by > 1%.

Note: This method differs from USEPA Significant Non-compliance (SNC) method in the following ways:

- USEPA only evaluates SNC for average limits. In above analyses, maximum and weekly limits were also considered.