



John R. Kasich, Governor  
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July 11, 2013

RE: HOLMES COUNTY  
RIPLEY TOWNSHIP  
WHISPERING HILLS RECREATION  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3PR00172\*BD

Roger Murray  
Whispering Hills Recreation  
8248 State Route 514  
Big Prairie, OH 44611

Dear Mr. Murray:

On June 4, 2013, a site inspection was conducted at the above referenced facility at 8248 State Route 514, Ripley Township, Holmes County. During the inspection, I was accompanied by Kraig Bucklew of the Holmes County General Health District. 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.

**Inspection Findings**

The following observations were made during the inspection:

1. The overall operation and maintenance of the treatment works appeared to be satisfactory. All treatment units appeared to be in working condition.
2. The content of the aeration tank had a chocolate brown color, indicative of a healthy bacterial population.
3. The clarifier was clear and no sludge was present on the weirs.
4. The dosing pumps were cycled and were operational.
5. The surface sand filters were clean with no sludge deposits present.
6. Chlorination and dechlorination systems were stocked with appropriate chemicals and operating at the time of the inspection. The tank contents were clear.
7. The final effluent appeared to be clear.

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**NPDES Permit Compliance Review**

A review of the electronic discharge self-monitoring reports (eDMR) received by Ohio EPA for the period June 1, 2011 through June 1, 2013, indicates noncompliance of the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit as identified below:

**Limit Violations**

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Conc	1.5	2.65	9/1/2012
001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	30D Conc	1.0	1.3935	9/1/2012

**Frequency Violations**

One violation for CBOD 5 Day (Reporting Code: 80082), 113 violations for Total Residual Chlorine (Reporting Code: 50060), 79 violations for Color, Severity (Reporting Code: 00083), 31 violations for Flow Rate (Reporting Code: 00056), 79 violations for Odor, Severity (Reporting Code: 01330), one violation for Total Suspended Solids (Reporting Code: 00530), and 79 violations for Turbidity, Severity (Reporting Code: 01350), and 127 violations for Water Temperature (Reporting Code: 00010) have occurred for Station 001. Please be aware that these parameters must be monitored in accordance with the frequencies specified within the facility's NPDES permit and reported to Ohio EPA utilizing eDMR.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (330) 963-1118 or via e-mail at [chris.moody@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:chris.moody@epa.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,



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Division of Surface Water

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