



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

July 16, 2013

RE: LAKE COUNTY  
MADISON TOWNSHIP  
DE RUBERTIS PARTY CENTER  
6521 NORTH RIDGE ROAD  
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3PR00413  
APPLICATION NO. OH0137073

Ms. Charmaine Kotar  
De Rubertis Party Center  
6521 North Ridge Road  
Madison, OH 44057

Dear Ms. Kotar:

On July 11, 2013, this writer conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) that serves the party center. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the WWTP's operation and maintenance condition, and to evaluate the facility's compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

The following observations were noted:

- The wastewater content in the aeration tank was light brown in color indicating an organically underloaded plant. The return sludge line was light brown in color. The skimmer discharge line was in operation. Steps should be taken to increase the organic load of the plant. Please consult with your operator of record.
- The settling tank had sludge behind the baffle and sludge in the effluent trough, which should be removed.
- The filter beds were in a satisfactory condition.
- Chlorine tablets were present in the chlorinator, as required.
- The plant effluent is not being de-chlorinated after chlorination. The NPDES permit for this facility has a schedule of compliance for the construction of de-chlorination facilities. A Permit-to-Install (PTI) application and four sets of detailed design plans were to have been submitted to this office by April 1, 2011. De-chlorination facilities were to have been installed and operation by August 1, 2011. This office has yet to receive a PTI application and detailed design plans. De-chlorination facilities have not been constructed, as required. This is a violation of your NPDES permit and Ohio Revised Code 6111. The violation is subject to enforcement action. [Note: An alternative is to submit a PTI application and detailed design plans for UV disinfection. Please consult with your operator of record.]
- The effluent contained no solids, foam, oils or grease.
- The operation and maintenance log book appeared satisfactory.

The above deficiencies must be corrected immediately.

A review of the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) for Outfall 001, covering the period of April 2012 through June 2013 revealed the following effluent limitation violation:

Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	00530	Total Suspended Solids	30D Qty	0.09	.09084	6/1/2013

The average daily design flow of the wastewater treatment plant (2,000 gallons per day) continues to be reported for the estimated flow rate of the plant discharge. This practice is not acceptable and must cease. *Acceptable methods for estimating daily flow are, in order of preference: 1) elapsed time meters on sand filter dosing pumps; 2) elapsed time meters on influent pumps; 3) water use records.*

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations or to satisfy the monitoring or reporting requirements of your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

You informed this writer during a telephone conversation on July 15, 2013, that Mr. Joseph DeRubertis is elderly and his business concerns are now handled by a corporation. For this reason, the NPDES permit should be transferred to the corporation's name. An NPDES Permit Transfer Form has been included with this letter. The form requires the signature of Mr. DeRubertis (or an individual with legal authority to sign for Mr. DeRubertis) and an officer of the corporation.

If there is no one available who has legal authority to sign for Mr. DeRubertis, an officer of the corporation should submit to this office, a letter acknowledging the corporation's responsibility for the property and the property sale/transfer date. The following information must also be included in the letter:

1. Corporate (Parent Company) Name
2. Divisional Name
3. Facility Name
4. Mailing address for all permit related correspondence
5. Facility address
6. Name of individual authorized to sign applications and transfers
7. Name of individual authorized to sign reports required by the permit
8. Name and address of facility operator of record
9. Name and phone number of contact person for facility information or inspection

Within 10 days of the date of this letter, you are directed to notify this office, in writing, outlining the corrective action, either actual or proposed, that will be taken to eliminate the above highlighted deficiencies.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (330) 963-1183.

Sincerely,



Marie Underwood, P.E.  
Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures - NPDES Permit Transfer Form  
Compliance Evaluation Inspection Letters 2009, 2010, 2012