



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

Re: Van Wert County
Cooper Farms Cooked Meats
NPDES Permit

July 24, 2013

Mr. Brad Alspaugh
Maintenance/Projects Engineer
Cooper Farms Cooked Meats
6793 U.S. Route 127 N
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Dear Mr. Alspaugh:

On July 16, 2013, I conducted an inspection of the wastewater treatment facilities serving Cooper Farms Cooked Meats. You, Mr. Hank Dues and Mr. Thomas Tomlinson were present and provided information regarding the facility. The facility is located at 6793 US Route 127 N, Hoaglin Township. The main objectives of the inspection were to assess compliance with your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), Land Application Management Plan (LAMP) and Stormwater permits. At the time of the inspection, all major treatment units were in operation and the controlled discharge lagoon was not discharging.

We have received the renewal application for your NPDES permit. The current permit will expire on December 31, 2013. Storm water discharges from your facility will be incorporated into your next NPDES permit, eliminating the need for having both an individual NPDES permit and a general industrial storm water NPDES permit. A review of your Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) for the time period from December 2012 through June 2013 revealed no violations of the limits contained in your NPDES permit.

During the inspection, we discussed your approved LAMP. There was a misunderstanding of the reporting requirements for station 401 in the DMR. Only the sludge or wastewater that is applied to the sites in your approved LAMP should be reported for station 401. The total annual volume of the sludge that is hauled to Quasar or to another NPDES permit holder should be reported on the December DMR.

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Also during the inspection, your general industrial storm water permit was discussed. Under the new Multi-Sector General Stormwater permit, your facility falls under the U3 sector. There is no benchmark monitoring required in this sector. However, the permit requires a quarterly visual assessment of storm water discharges. The requirements for inspections and documentation are outlined in section 4.2 of your permit. The new permit also requires that your Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) be updated to reflect the new permit and should include a signed certification statement. The signatory requirements can be found in Appendix B section B.11 of your permit. A copy of the general permit can be obtained from our website at:

http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/35/permits/IndustrialStormWater_Final_GP_dec11.pdf

Our completed inspection reports are enclosed for your records. If you have any questions, please call me at (419) 373-3006.

Sincerely,



Peggy B. Christie
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures

ec: Inspection Tracking



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NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding					
Permit #	NPDES#	Month/Day/Year	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
2GR01668		07/16/13	R	S	2

Section B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Cooper Farms Cooked Meats 6793 U.S. Route 127 North Van Wert, OH 45891	10:00 AM	December 1, 2012
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	12:05 PM	December 31, 2013
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representatives	Phone Number(s)	
Brad Alspaugh – Maintenance/Projects Engineer Hank Dues Thomas Tomlinson	419-238-4056	
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number	
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Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection					
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)					
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M	Records/Reports	N	Laboratory	N	Compliance Schedule
S	Operations & Maintenance	N	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)

Coverage under the MSGP was granted on 3/07/12. SWPPP needs to have new certification signature. Quarterly visual inspections need to be taken and documented. The new north side of the plant has parking lot and roof drains has its own outfall. This could possible qualify for no exposure. The rest of the plant's stormwater drains to the south of the plant. Truck loading areas have two drains. The up gradient catch basin is a storm drain. The down gradient drains to process waste water.

In the next NPDES permit renewal, parts IV, V, VI will be added, so the stormwater will be rolled into the Individual NPDES permit.

Inspector	Reviewer
<i>Peggy B. Christie</i> 7/22/13 Date	<i>Thomas Poffenbarger</i> 7/22/13 Date
Peggy B. Christie Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office	Thomas Poffenbarger, P.E. Water Quality Engineer II/Unit Supervisor Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office



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<p>Sludge from Cell #2 was land applied in March.</p> <p>There was some confusion on reporting. I clarified that only sludge or liquid waste that is land applied is reported for outfall 401 in the eDMR. Total sludge for the year that is taken to Quazar should be reported in the December DMR for outfall 588.</p>	
Inspector	Reviewer
 Peggy B. Christie Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office Date 7/22/13	 Thomas Poffenbarger, P.E. Water Quality Engineer II/Unit Supervisor Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office Date 7/22/13



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Sanitary and process water are separated. Process water flows through a grease trap (emptied 1/week) and then to then a drum screen and then to Cell #1 which acts as a storage pond. Screenings and grease are taken to G.A. Wintzer. The process water is treated through a DAF unit, and then discharged to Cell #3. Lagoon inlets and outlets can be adjusted as the plant needs.

Cell #1: Holding pond prior to DAF. Aerated. Light brown color.

Cell #2: Currently sludge holding tank. Empty, sludge was just applied to fields.

Cell #3: Aerated

Cell #4: Polishing Pond – not aerated.

Discharge: Not discharging at the time of the inspection. Outfall sign in place.

Inspector	Reviewer
<i>Peggy B. Christie</i> 7/12/13	<i>Thomas Poffenbarger</i> 7/22/13
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