



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

July 25, 2013

**Re:** Athens County  
Le-ax Water District  
Reconnaissance Inspection  
NPDES Permit 01Z00023\*CD

Mr. John Simpson, General Manager  
Le-ax Water District  
P.O. Box 97  
The Plains, Ohio 45780

Dear Mr. Simpson:

On July 16, 2013, I visited the wastewater treatment system at the Le-ax Water District. You and Lonnie McCulloch accompanied me on the plant walk through. The purpose of this visit was to determine the status of compliance with the terms and conditions of the NPDES permit 01Z00023\*CD and to verify the processes at the plant. The inspection form is attached.

As a result of the visit and file review I have the following comments:

1. A review of you electronic discharge monitoring reports (eDMRs) show no violations for the calendar year. The last violation that occurred at the facility was a Total Suspended Solids violation in October 2012.
2. Ohio EPA is in the process of renewing the NPDES permit for this facility and will be issued as a draft document in the near future. The facility will have thirty (30) days to provide comments. At this time, there is no further information needed from the facility for the renewal of the permit. Until the NPDES permit is renewed, continue to operate and sample under the current permit that expires on July 31, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5416 or [nick.hammer@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:nick.hammer@epa.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,

Nicholas G. Hammer, R.S.  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

c: Lonnie McCulloch, Operator of Record



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Southeast District Office

Industrial NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding					
Permit #	NPDES #	Month/Day/Year	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
01Z00023*CD	OH0120782	7/16/2013	R	S	2

Section B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
Le-ax Water District WTP 6000 Industrial Drive The Plains, OH 45780	1:30	8/1/08
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	2:00	7/31/13
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)	
Lonnie McCulloch, Operator John Simpson, General Manager	740-593-7502 740-594-0123	
Name, Address, and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number	
Le-ax Water District P.O. Box 97 The Plains, OH 45780	740-594-0123	

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection					
(S = Satisfactory; M = Marginal; U = Unsatisfactory; N = Not Evaluated; N/A = Not Applicable)					
S	Permit	N	Flow Measurement	N/A	Pretreatment
N	Records/Reports	N	Laboratory	N/A	Compliance Schedules
N	Operations & Maintenance	N	Effluent/Receiving Waters	S	Self-Monitoring Program
N	Facility Site Review	S	Sludge Storage/Disposal		Other
N/A	Collection System				

Section D: Summary of Findings (attach additional sheets if necessary)			
Pre-permit inspection, Ohio EPA will be issuing draft renewal permit in near future. See attached Letter.			
Inspector		Reviewer	
7-25-13		7/25/13	
Date		Date	
Nicholas G. Hammer Division of Surface Water Southeast District Office		Jennifer M. Witte Compliance & Enforcement Supervisor Division of Surface Water Southeast District Office	