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August 1, 2013

RE: GEAUGA COUNTY
CLARIDON TWP
DAVID KRONK
NPDES PERMIT 3GS00024*AG

CERTIFIED MAIL

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Mr. David C. Kronk
12368 Claridon-Troy Road
Chardon, OH 44024

Dear Mr. Kronk,

On July 25, 2013, this writer conducted an inspection of the sewage treatment plant serving the facility located at 13868 Claridon Troy Road. The intent of the inspection was to assess the operations and maintenance of the treatment system and review compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

The wastewater system currently serves a retail office space and a three bedroom apartment. According to Agency records, an upgraded wastewater treatment system was installed under Ohio EPA PTI 752697, which was effective March 10, 2010.

The wastewater system includes a 600-gallon Enviro-Guard treatment system which includes a 500-gallon trash trap, 500-gallon flow equalization/dosing tank with a dosing pump and timer, and 600-gallon fixed growth/suspended growth biological treatment tank. The time dosed system was designed to time dose at 30 minute intervals during the day. The treatment tank is equipped with an aerator and a fixed film filter media. The effluent passes through the polyester fabric filter and UV disinfection prior to discharge. The final effluent discharges to a roadside ditch located along the southern boundary of the property on Mayfield Road, which is tributary to an unnamed tributary to the West Branch of the Cuyahoga River.

Below are the findings and recommendations from the inspection:

NPDES PERMIT COMPLIANCE

- 1) The permit compliance review indicates you have violated the terms and conditions of your NPDES permit. The facility has failed to conduct the required monitoring and has failed to submit any discharge monitoring reports since December 1, 2011. This is a violation of your NPDES permit and subject to enforcement actions pursuant Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111. To avoid this matter being referred to our Legal section for an enforcement action, you must respond in writing by April 19, 2013 with corrective actions taken to correct this deficiency.

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- 2) According to the NPDES permit, the wastewater treatment system is listed as a Class A Wastewater Treatment system. Our records indicate no certified operator has been obtained for this facility. The NPDES permit requires you to obtain the services of a certified operator and submit the enclosed Operator of Record (ORC) form to this Agency. The ORC must include the name and signatures of the certified operator and the owner.
- 3) The operator log book was not located onsite at the time of the inspection. As such, records required pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-7-09(A) (3) are not being maintained at the facility and were not available for inspection as required by rule.

The records must be accessible onsite for 24-hour inspection by agency or emergency response personnel as prescribed by OAC 3745-7-9(A) (2). The facility Owner and Operator are both responsible to make sure that the log book is available and maintained on site for 24-hour access by Ohio EPA and emergency response personnel. The log must include inspection dates with time in and time out, clearly identify who is logging time at the facility, and list all activities being performed during the visit. In addition to the log book, a copy of the contract with your ORC must be maintained at the site.

Based upon a lack of a log book to document visits by your ORC, The David C. Kronk property is in violation of OAC 3745-7-04 for not meeting minimum staffing hour requirements, OAC 3745-7-02 for not listing all ORCs, OAC 3745-7-09 for not maintaining a facility log book, and OAC 3745-33 for not meeting permit conditions, specifically Part II, Item A that requires that this facility be overseen by an ORC.

INSPECTION SUMMARY

Below are the findings and recommendations from the inspection:

The inspection revealed the WWTP was in operation and all treatment units appeared to be in operation. The WWTP was producing what appeared to be a satisfactory quality effluent. The treatment plant appeared to be in satisfactory maintenance condition. The final effluent from the treatment system appeared to be clear and the final outfall appeared satisfactory.

SUMMARY

1. Begin monitoring the effluent and submitting the electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) as soon as possible but no later than September 2013 (for monitoring completed in the month of August 2013.)
2. Obtain a log book and ensure it is located onsite at all times.
3. Submit an ORC form to the Ohio EPA.

Please inform this office, in writing, within 14 days of the date of this letter as to the actions that have been or will be taken to correct the above noncompliance or explanations if you believe the noncompliance issues noted are in error. Your response to this letter should include the dates that the actions have been or will be completed. Please be advised that past or present issues of noncompliance can continue as subjects of future enforcement actions by Ohio EPA.

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Should you have any comments or questions regarding this letter or your noncompliance, please contact this office at (330)963-1299.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laura A. Weber".

Laura A. Weber, P.E.
Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Geauga County Health Department