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August 6, 2013

RE: MEDINA COUNTY
LIVERPOOL TWP.
ST. MARTIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CEI
PERMIT NO. 3PR00566

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Paul Schaefer
St. Martin's Catholic Church
1800 Station Road
Valley City, OH 44280

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

A Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) was conducted July 18, 2013, on the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) serving the St. Martin's Catholic Church. The CEI was conducted by this writer, of the Ohio EPA. It is noted the St. Martin's Catholic Church is located at 1800 Station Road, Liverpool Township, Medina County.

The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the WWTP's operation and maintenance condition, and its compliance with the terms and conditions of the recently effective NPDES Permit to discharge (Permit # 3PR00566*AD).

At the time of the July 18th inspection, the following observations were made:

- 1) The trash trap was in use, and contents were typical. No pumping of the trash trap was needed.
- 2) Contents of the extended aeration tank were well aerated, and were medium brown in color. The return sludge line from the settling tank was operating, returning medium brown liquid to the aeration tank from the settling tank.
- 3) Air to the extended aeration tank is provided by single blower/motor combination. The drive belt for the blower/motor appeared to be in good condition; the air filter was in an acceptable condition; and the high air pressure relief valve was operational.
- 4) The settling tank contents contained a several inch thick mat of floating scum/sludge on the surface of the water. several plants had started growing in the floating scum/sludge mat. There was also a buildup of scum/solids behind the settling tank inlet baffle.



The floating scum/solids mat should be removed, and the water surface kept free of floating solids. Also, the sides of the settling tank should be scraped down on a regular basis, to prevent a buildup of solids on the side of the settling tank



- 5) Both pumps in the sand filter dosing station were set in the 'AUTO' mode, and were operational when tested manually. The high water level alarm was also functional when manually tested.
- 7) **Both the north and south surface sand filter cells contained a large amount of vegetative growth, which needs to be removed, and the sand kept clean and level at all times.**
- 8) There are no disinfection facilities present at the WWTP.

The NPDES permit for St. Martin's Catholic Church went effective November 1, 2012. Beginning December 2012, monthly operating reports/data were to have been submitted to the Ohio EPA on a monthly basis. Actual effluent sampling of various parameters with concentration and loading limits is to be conducted on a quarterly basis, while flow is to be estimated daily, and effluent turbidity estimated weekly.

A SWIMS computer search for operating data for the WWTP (submittal as required by the NPDES permit to be reported to Ohio EPA) was conducted prior to the inspection. The electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) data search covered the period of December 1, 2012, through July 1, 2013. Results of the search found no such data was ever submitted to Ohio EPA for the St. Martin's Catholic Church WWTP.

The NPDES permit also requires the WWTP be operated by a licensed Class A Wastewater Operator. Within 60 days of the NPDES permit effective date (by January 1, 2013), the Agency was to have been notified of the designated operator's name and license number, by the submittal of the Operator of Record (ORC) Notification Form (EPA 5121). A search of the ORC data base found no operator of record for St. Martin's Catholic Church.

Please be advised that non-reporting of required parameters is a violation of the NPDES Permit terms and conditions, and is subject to legal enforcement action.

A review of the file for St. Martin's Catholic Church found copies of email correspondence from the Church, as well as the Medina County Health Department, indicating the Church had desired to connect to sanitary sewers, and abandon the WWTP. The correspondences date from late January and early February 2013. The email correspondence indicated commencement of construction of the sewer connection was to take place within the next two to three months (April or May 2013).

The July 18th WWTP inspection found the existing WWTP in operation. The inspection also found heavy machinery (a tracked construction shovel) was also on site. However, it is not clear whether connection has been made to sanitary sewers.

Please inform this office in writing, within seven days of receipt of this correspondence, as to the status of the sewer connection, and if/when WWTP abandonment is to take place. If sewer connection is not made within 30 days of the receipt of this letter, arrangements must be made for a contract with a licensed operator, commencement of sample collection, and required submittal of eDMR data.

If there are questions or comments regarding the contents of this letter, please contact this office.

Respectfully,



Charles E. Allen
Environmental Engineer
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cc: Steve Mazak, Medina County Health Department

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