



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

Re: **Notice of Violation**
Allen County
Lima WWTP
Ohio EPA Permit No. 2PE00000
NPDES Permit No. OH0023841

August 9, 2013

Mr. Russell C. Bales
Superintendent
City of Lima
50 Town Square
Lima, Ohio 45801-4900

Dear Mr. Bales:

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring report covering the months of April through June 2013 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The specific instances of non-compliance are enclosed on a separate sheet.

We have received your email response dated April 24, 2013, regarding the total suspended solids violation. We have received Mr. Eric Markley's May 13, 2013, email response regarding the E. Coli violation. We were contacted via email on July 16, 2013, by Mr. Wade Leimeister regarding the "AD" codes used to report for the City's CSO outfalls. At this time, we do not require any further response regarding the above mentioned violations.

Please note that the enclosed "AK" code violation for station 801 is not a true violation of your NPDES permit. Our database flags all unexcused "A Code" entries regardless of which outfall they occur under.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements, including adequate laboratory controls, appropriate quality assurance procedures, and records retention, as specified in your Part III-General Conditions of your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. If these violations continue to occur and if satisfactory progress is not made, it may be necessary to initiate enforcement action to achieve compliance.

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The Ohio EPA strongly encourages pollution prevention as the preferred approach for waste management. The first priority of pollution prevention is to eliminate the generation of wastes and pollutants at the source (source reduction). For those wastes or pollutants that are generated, the second priority is to recycle or reuse them in an environmentally sound manner. You can benefit economically, help preserve the environment, and improve your public image by implementing pollution prevention programs. Information about Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance & Pollution Prevention can be found on Ohio EPA's Website at <http://epa.ohio.gov/ocapp> or by calling (614) 644 – 3469.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Justin Williams at (419) 373 – 3022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Poffenbarger".

Thomas Poffenbarger, P.E.
Water Quality Engineer II/Unit Supervisor
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures

pc: Mr. David L. Schnipke

ec: NOV Tracking

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Violations for Lima WWTP - April - June 2013

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PE00000*MD	April 2013	604	00530	Total Suspended Solids	7D Conc	20.0	25.8428	4/8/2013

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2PE00000*MD	May 2013	001	31648	E. coli			AK	5/10/2013
2PE00000*MD	June 2013	002	74062	Overflow Occurrence			AD	6/29/2013
2PE00000*MD	June 2013	002	74063	Overflow Volume			AD	6/29/2013
2PE00000*MD	June 2013	003	74062	Overflow Occurrence			AD	6/1/2013
2PE00000*MD	June 2013	003	74062	Overflow Occurrence			AD	6/10/2013
2PE00000*MD	June 2013	003	74062	Overflow Occurrence			AD	6/13/2013
2PE00000*MD	June 2013	003	74062	Overflow Occurrence			AD	6/29/2013
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2PE00000*MD	June 2013	005	74063	Overflow Volume			AD	6/29/2013
2PE00000*MD	June 2013	006	74062	Overflow Occurrence			AD	6/28/2013
2PE00000*MD	June 2013	006	74063	Overflow Volume			AD	6/28/2013
2PE00000*MD	June 2013	801	31648	E. coli			AK	6/19/2013