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September 4, 2013

Carol Stallings, Facility Manager  
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12809 State Route 736  
Marysville, OH 43040

**Re: Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
NPDES Permit 4PT00006/ OH0102008  
Reconnaissance Inspection  
Union County  
Enforcement Warning Letter – Final Warning**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Ms. Stallings:

This letter serves as an **Enforcement Warning** regarding the waste water treatment plant (WWTP) serving Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 12809 State Route 736, Marysville, OH. This is a follow-up to a similar letter sent on December 4, 2012. The facility has habitually been non-compliant and in particular has exceeded chlorine and bacteria permit limits.

**Findings:**

1. The NPDES permit requires a response for all permit exceedances according to Part III Section 12: Noncompliance Notifications. The facility has failed to provide written or telephone non-compliance notification in response to the June 2013 Preliminary Compliance Report. **Therefore you are currently in violation of the permit. Please provide a written response as soon as possible.**
2. The NPDES permit includes a Compliance Schedule which provides time for the facility to upgrade the WWTP, if necessary. The Compliance Schedule targeted ultraviolet disinfection as a potential upgrade. The Church has not provided any written response of their intentions, but I believe the preference is to continue using the existing chlorine / dechlorination tablet systems based on

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conversations with the operator of record, Pat Hickman. **Please provide a written response indicating what upgrades the facility is pursuing.** Note that the violations in June 2013 and July 2013 were E. coli which suggests the current system is insufficient.

3. There have been violations in 15 of the past 21 months eligible for bacteria and 14 violations in the same time frame for chlorine. Per Ohio Revised Code section 6111.09, any person who violates section 6111.07 of the Revised Code shall pay a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars per day of violation. **Failure to meet the milestones included within the compliance schedule and to obtain compliance with permit limits will result in enforcement action which can include civil penalties.**

**A response is required by September 16, 2013, regarding Findings 1 and 2.** If you have any questions or comments concerning this letter, please contact me at (614) 644-3846 or e-mail at [cole.miller@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:cole.miller@epa.state.oh.us).

Sincerely



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