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John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
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Re: **Notice of Violation**
Sandusky County
Village of Helena
NPDES 2PA00097

October 4, 2013

Mayor and Council
Village of Helena
504 Church Street
Helena, Ohio 43435

Dear Mayor and Council:

Review of your self-monitoring reports for the six month period ending in June 2013 indicates that you were in significant non-compliance (SNC) with the Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3) effluent limitation contained in your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The specific instances of non-compliance are as follows:

2PA00097 (001) Effluent Limit Violations
January 2013 thru August 2013

Reporting Period	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
January 2013	80082	CBOD 5 day	30D Conc	10	11.	1/1/2013
January 2013	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Conc	15	34.	1/22/2013
January 2013	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	30D Conc	3.0	5.15	1/1/2013
January 2013	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Conc	4.5	10.3	1/15/2013
February 2013	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Conc	15	18.	2/1/2013
February 2013	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Conc	4.5	23.4	2/1/2013
February 2013	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Qty	0.682	1.94852	2/1/2013
February 2013	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	30D Conc	3.0	12.5	2/1/2013
February 2013	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	30D Qty	0.455	1.03179	2/1/2013
July 2013	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	30D Conc	1.0	2.65	7/1/2013
July 2013	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Conc	1.5	5.3	7/15/2013
July 2013	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	30D Qty	0.152	.2307	7/1/2013
July 2013	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3	7D Qty	0.228	.46139	7/15/2013

A facility is considered to be in SNC when it exceeds the effluent limit for four or more months in two consecutive quarters or exceeds the effluent limit significantly in any two months in two consecutive quarters. As of this time, it appears that the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) has since returned to compliance.

Achieving compliance with Ohio's environmental laws is a primary focus of Ohio EPA in order to reduce risks to public health and welfare.

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.

If there are any questions, please contact me at 419-373-3014.

Yours truly,

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Division of Surface Water

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