



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

January 4, 2012

Mr. Keith Brisbin
Hilltop Meats
9964 Crosby Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45030

Re: Hamilton County, Hilltop Meats, NPDES Permit Violations

Dear Mr. Brisbin:

We have reviewed your Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) covering the months of July and August 2011 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your NPDES Permit (NPDES Permit # OH0134112; OEPA Permit # 11H00024*AD). The specific instances of noncompliance were as follows:

| Effluent Limit Violations for July and August 2011 | | | | | |
|--|-----------|------------|--------|--------|----------------|
| Reporting Period | Parameter | Limit Type | Units | Limit | Reported Value |
| July 2011 | Ammonia | Monthly | mg/l | 1.0 | 244 |
| July 2011 | Ammonia | Monthly | kg/day | 0.0038 | 0.28 |
| July 2011 | TSS | Monthly | mg/l | 12 | 148 |
| July 2011 | TSS | Monthly | kg/day | 0.045 | 0.17 |
| July 2011 | Ammonia | Weekly | mg/l | 1.5 | 244 |
| July 2011 | Ammonia | Weekly | kg/day | 0.0057 | 0.28 |
| July 2011 | TSS | Weekly | mg/l | 18 | 148 |
| July 2011 | TSS | Weekly | kg/day | 0.068 | 0.17 |
| July 2011 | DO | Daily | mg/l | 6.0 | 2.4 |
| August 2011 | Ammonia | Monthly | mg/l | 1.0 | 275 |
| August 2011 | Ammonia | Monthly | kg/day | 0.0038 | 0.28 |
| August 2011 | Ammonia | Weekly | mg/l | 1.5 | 275 |
| August 2011 | Ammonia | Weekly | kg/day | 0.0057 | 0.28 |
| August 2011 | CBOD5 | Monthly | mg/l | 10 | 73 |
| August 2011 | CBOD5 | Monthly | kg/day | 0.038 | 0.075 |
| August 2011 | CBOD5 | Weekly | mg/l | 15 | 73 |
| August 2011 | CBOD5 | Weekly | kg/day | 0.057 | 0.075 |
| August 2011 | TSS | Monthly | mg/l | 12 | 55 |
| August 2011 | TSS | Monthly | kg/day | 0.045 | 0.056 |
| August 2011 | TSS | Weekly | mg/l | 18 | 55 |

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| Effluent Limit Violations for July and August 2011 | | | | | |
|--|----------------|------------|---------|-------|----------------|
| Reporting Period | Parameter | Limit Type | Units | Limit | Reported Value |
| August 2011 | Fecal Coliform | Monthly | #/100ml | 1000 | "AK" |
| August 2011 | Fecal Coliform | Weekly | #/100ml | 2000 | "AK" |
| August 2011 | DO | Daily | mg/l | 6.0 | 2.7 |

In addition, the DMRs are required to be submitted by 15th of the following month. The July and August 2011 reports were submitted late. The DMRs have not been submitted for September, October and November 2011. Please submit these reports immediately.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations or to satisfy the monitoring or reporting requirements of your NPDES Permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111.

Please inform this office, in writing, by January 13, 2012 as to the reasons for the above referenced violations, as well as a description of the actions taken or proposed to prevent any further violations. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for completion of the actions. Future violations must continue to be reported as required by the NPDES Permit as detailed in Part III.12 titled "Noncompliance Notification."

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at (937) 285-6096.

Sincerely,



Ned Sarle
Division of Surface Water
Permit Section

ec: Eric Gibson, Winelco, Inc.