



Environmental
Protection Agency

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

Re: Huron County
Coble Village Mobile Home Park
NPDES Permit Inspection

December 5, 2011

Mr. Walter Cook
128 Academy Drive
Wilmore, Kentucky 40390

Dear Mr. Cook:

On November 21, 2011, we met to discuss the wastewater treatment plant serving the Coble Village Mobile Home Park which is operating under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) No. 2PY00030*BD. We discussed the plant operational requirements, sampling requirements and record keeping requirements. An inspection of the plant was conducted as well. Our inspection observations and comments are as follows:

1. At the time of inspection the treatment plant was operating. The contents of the aeration tanks were a chocolate brown color, which is normal, and had no noticeable odor. The rate of aeration appeared to be adequate. The blowers for the aeration tank are being operated using a timer.
2. The effluent from the final clarifiers was mostly clear although there were some floating solids throughout the tank. The side walls of the clarifiers should be occasionally scraped to direct the solids to the sludge returns so that they can be pumped back to the aeration tank.
3. You indicated that the solids were recently cleaned off of the sand filters. The surface sand filters were being bypassed at the time of the inspection. It was indicated that a pipe and valve box was installed by the previous park manager to bypass the sand filters and disinfection tank during the winter. Bypassing the sand filters is a violation of your NPDES permit. Part III of your NPDES permit states "***At all times, the permittee shall maintain in good working order and operate as efficiently as possible all treatment or control facilities or systems installed or used by the permittee necessary to achieve compliance with terms and conditions of this permit***". Therefore, the by-pass line must be completely removed and the sand filters placed back into service immediately. **Please notify us when the by-pass pipe has been removed so that we can conduct a follow-up inspection to verify the pipe has been removed and the sand filters are back on line.**

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4. You indicated that you were in the process of hiring a new park manager who would be checking the wastewater plant as part of his duties. We discussed the fact that the wastewater plant is rated as a Class A facility in its NPDES permit and a certified operator with a Class "A" or greater wastewater operator license needs to visit the plant twice a week for a minimum of one half hour per visit. If your new park manager does not have a wastewater operator's license then you will need to make arrangements to hire a certified operator to oversee the wastewater plant. A list of contractors that provide wastewater plant operations services was provided to you during our meeting. **Please submit an updated Operator of Record (ORC) form (enclosed) indicating who your new operator is within 30 days.**

5. We also reviewed the plant operations log/checklist that is being stored in the plant control box. The checklist outlines the operation and maintenance activities that are conducted. Please make sure that persons making entries on the log sheet are clearly identified and that the dates and times of arrival and departure at the plant are documented as well. A copy of OAC 3745-7-09, the rule that outlines the recordkeeping requirements and responsibilities of a certified operator is enclosed with this letter.

If you have any questions regarding our meeting, this letter or other Ohio EPA requirements regarding the wastewater treatment plant at Coble Village MHP please contact me at (419) 373-3003 or via email at andrew.gall@epa.state.oh.us

Sincerely,



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