



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

January 3, 2012

RE: ASHTABULA PORT AUTHORITY PLANT C  
OHIO EPA PERMIT 3IB00021  
ASHTABULA TWP, ASHTABULA COUNTY  
**NOTICE OF VIOLATION – MISSING eDMRs**

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Mr. Sean Ratican, President  
Ashtabula County Port Authority  
17 North Market Street  
Jefferson, OH 44047

Dear Mr. Ratican:

During a review of Ohio EPA's electronic discharge monitoring report (eDMR) information for the above referenced facility located at 2715 Lake Road East (State Route 531), Ashtabula Township, Ashtabula County. Ohio EPA notes that eDMRs have not been submitted for the month of March through December 2011. You were previously notified of failure to file the required eDMR reports on October 19, 2011. You responded via telephone on October 24, 2011, that you were in the process of submitting this information. To-date Ohio EPA has not received the required information.

Please note that if no flow was generated for a specific month in question, the reports must still be filed with the box checked indicating no flow for the month. If data has been collected but not placed into the eDMR system, reports may still be filed or amended through your normal eDMR reporting procedures. If data has not been collected, please provide an explanation as to why this data was not collected and reported as prescribed by your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

Please inform this office, in writing, within 30 days of the date of this letter as to the actions that have been or will be taken to correct the above noncompliance or explanations if you believe the noncompliance issues noted are in error. Your response to this letter should include the dates that the actions have been or will be completed.

**Based upon the lack of submitting the required eDMR information, the Ashtabula County Port Authority is considered in significant noncompliance with its NPDES permit for Plant C. Please be advised that past or present issues of noncompliance can continue as subjects of future enforcement actions by Ohio EPA.**

If you have any questions or comments regarding this notification, please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1175.

Respectively,

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