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December 15, 2011

RE: MEDINA COUNTY
LODI
TRAVEL CENTER OF AMERICA #015
8834 LAKE RD.
(NPDES NO. 3IG00093)

Travel Center of America
24601 Center Ridge Road
Westlake, OH 44145-5634

Attn: David Plummer
Environmental Associate

Dear Mr. Plummer:

On November 15, 2011, a compliance evaluation inspection (CEI) was conducted on the wastewater treatment works serving the Travel Center of America # 015, located at 8834 Lake Road, Lodi, Medina County. The inspection was conducted by Ms. Brianne Ciccone, and this writer, of the Ohio EPA.

The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the facility's operation and maintenance condition prior to renewal of the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge. The previous CEI was conducted on November 23, 2010.

The site is a travel center / restaurant / auto and truck fueling facility for petroleum products. The travel center is permitted to discharge treated storm water from the outfall of a detention pond, which discharges to an unnamed ditch tributary to Chippewa Creek.

Water consisting of rainwater which may have incidental contact with oil products on paved areas around fuel loading, unloading, and dispensing areas, is collected in drainage basins, and routed through a 10,000-gallon oil-water separator (OWS) on the northeast side of the truck parking lot. From the oil-water separator, the water flows into what was the former small detention pond in the northeast corner of the site. This pond has been connected to the larger detention basin.

Storm water from other areas on the site discharges directly into the large detention pond from the southern end of the large pond. An outlet structure is present at the northeast corner of the (larger) detention pond.

At the time of the November 15th inspection the entire pond contained a vegetative growth of cattails and reeds, and the water level in the detention pond was not visible. The outlet structure of the pond had a slight trickle of water discharging to the ditch in the northeast corner of the property. Oil absorption booms were observed stretched across the waterway following the outlet structure, and water behind the absorption booms exhibited a slight oil sheen. Water observed discharging to the ditch exhibited no oil sheen.

A review of the compliance history for this facility, for the period of November 1, 2010 through November 1, 2011, was conducted utilizing data submitted in the electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (eDMRs).

The SWIMS data management tracking system found the following numerical effluent limits violations (based upon the data submitted to the Ohio EPA):

LODI TRAVEL CENTERS OF AMERICA SITE 015
NPDES PERMIT NO. 3IG00093
EFFLUENT NUMERIC VIOLATIONS
(NOV. 1, 2010 – NOV. 1, 2011)

Reporting Period	Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
January 2011	002	Residue, Total	30D Conc	30	173.	1/1/2011
January 2011	002	Residue, Total	1D Conc	45	173.	1/18/2011
March 2011	002	Residue, Total	30D Conc	30	46.	3/1/2011
March 2011	002	Residue, Total	1D Conc	45	46.	3/10/2011

***NOTE: No frequency or reporting code violations indicated.*

Travel Centers of America should continue with all efforts that will enable the Lodi Travel Center (Site # 015) facility to consistently meet its NPDES Permit limits.

If there are further questions regarding this letter, please contact this office.

Respectfully,

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