



February 26, 2024

Village of Williamsport
Attn: Tim Bush, Mayor
P. O. Box 1
Williamsport, OH 43164

**Re: Williamsport WWTP
Notice of Violation (NOV)
NOV
NPDES
Franklin County
4PA00004**

Transmitted Electronically

Subject: Notice of Violation

Dear Mr. Bush,

Thank you for accompanying me during Ohio EPA's January 24, 2024, Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) of the Williamsport wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) located at 300 Ballard Avenue (Ballard Park) in Williamsport, Ohio. Along with myself and Jared Burson from the Ohio EPA's Central Office, you and Nick Kennedy, Professional Operator of Record (ORC), were also present during the inspection.

The wastewater treatment plant is permitted with a design capacity of 0.15 million gallons per day (MGD) and is considered a Class I facility. The plant receives inflow via two lift stations in the village, servicing an approximate population of 1,000 customers. The treatment plant consists of influent pumping, mechanical screening, grit removal, primary aeration and clarification, post aeration, and chlorine disinfection. Treated wastewater is discharged to Deer Creek. Sludge processing facilities include, sludge holding tank (digester), decant tank, and sludge drying bags before being disposed of in a landfill.

The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate compliance with the terms and conditions of your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the plant.

Violations

Ohio EPA observed the following two violations of Ohio's environmental laws and regulations and the Village of Williamsport's permit terms and conditions. It is recommended you promptly address the violations.

- 1. Violation Description:** There have been 28 separate effluent limit exceedance violations and one code violation during the review period of 1/1/2019 through 12/31/2023. Parameters in exceedance include Total Suspended Solids (TSS), CBOD 5-day, pH, and Chlorine Residual. *This is a violation of 6111.07(A) and Part III. 11 C of your NPDES permit.*

Additional Information: Consistent violations since July 2023 have resulted in the WWTP being in Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) for TSS and CBOD. According to the ORC, the collection system has inflow/infiltration (I/I) and high flows from wet weather events diminish the treatment and causes solids loss.

Additional Information: The Village approved Resolution 05-2019 on January 7, 2019, containing a 25-year timeline for a sewer rehabilitation project to reduce inflow and Infiltration (I/I). A detailed schedule was attached to the resolution that detailed projected projects and completion dates. The schedule is updated periodically as projects are completed. The last project to be completed was the Victory Road Project.

Requested Action: Please submit a plan to bring the WWTP back into consistent with effluent limits in the short term and on a consistent basis while the long-term plan of Resolution 05-2019 is implemented.

- 2. Violation Description:** Improper sampling techniques are being used to collect applicable samples. *This is a violation of 6111.07(A) and Part I, A and Part II, G. of your NPDES permit.*

Additional Information: According to the ORC, the village does not have a composite sampler and they have been taking all samples as grab samples including parameters that require a (24-hr) composite sample.

Requested Action: Please submit a plan to begin taking composite samples when applicable in accordance with Part II, G of your permit and/or obtaining and utilizing a composite sampler. This plan should include the date you began composite sampling per Part II, G of the permit and, if the village decide to obtain a composite sampler, include a timeframe for obtaining and utilizing the sampler. Additionally, if the village chooses to obtain a composite sampler, please notify Ohio EPA once it is put into service.

Conclusion

Within 30 days of receipt of this letter, please provide documentation to Ohio EPA DSW of the actions taken and/or will be taken to resolve the violations cited above. Documentation of steps taken to resolve this (these) violation(s) includes but is not limited to: written correspondence, updated policies, and photographs, as appropriate, and may be submitted via the postal service or electronically to scott.sheerin@epa.ohio.gov or through your eBiz account. If circumstances delay resolution of violations, please contact Ohio EPA DSW to discuss the situation and propose an alternative schedule to resolve the violations in a timely manner.

Failure to comply with Chapter 6111 of the Ohio Revised Code and rules promulgated thereunder may result in an administrative or civil penalty.

Please note that the submission of any requested information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek administrative or civil penalties as provided in Chapter 6111.09 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (614) 728-2397 or scott.sheerin@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Sheerin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Scott" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Sheerin".

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