3/18/2016

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RE: Director’s Final Findings & Orders
NPDES
Medina County
8OU00019

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Transmitted herewith is one copy of the Director’s Final Findings & Orders in the referenced matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kevin J. Fowler, Supervisor
Permit Processing Unit
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosure

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BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In the Matter of:

Hazel B. Zegarac
716 Lyonswood Dr.
Hinckley, OH 44233-9468

Respondent

PREAMBLE

It is agreed by the Parties hereto as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders ("Orders") are issued to Hazel B. Zegarac ("Respondent") pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") under R.C. 6111.03(H) and 3745.01.

II. PARTIES BOUND

These Orders shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and successors in interest liable under Ohio law. No change in the ownership or operation of the motel, wastewater treatment plant ("WWTP"), or the property upon which the motel and WWTP are situated, as identified below, shall in any way alter Respondent's obligations under these Orders.

III. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meaning as defined in R.C. Chapter 6111 and the rules adopted thereunder.

IV. FINDINGS

The Director of Ohio EPA has made the following findings:

1. Respondent, a "person" as defined under R.C. 6111.01(I) and 1.59(C), owns commercial property ("property") located at 950 Medina Road, Medina Ohio, upon which is situated a motel serviced by a WWTP that discharged pollutants to Wolf Creek via an unnamed tributary, both waters of the state.

2.Respondent did not have authorization for said discharge, in that Respondent did not have a valid, unexpired Ohio National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit issued by the Director.

3. R.C. 6111.04(A) prohibits any person from causing pollution or causing any sewage, industrial waste or other waste to be placed in any location where they cause pollution to waters of the state, except if such discharges occur in accordance with a valid, unexpired NPDES permit issued by the Director.
4. Pursuant to R.C. 6111.07(A), no person shall violate or fail to perform any duty imposed by R.C. 6111.01 to 6111.08 or violate any order or rule.


6. Respondent informed Ohio EPA that as of December 31, 2015, the discharge of pollutants from the WWTP to waters of the state has ceased.

7. The Director has given consideration to, and based his determination on, evidence relating to the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of complying with these Orders and to evidence relating to conditions calculated to result from compliance with these Orders, and their relation to the benefits to the people of the state to be derived from such compliance in accomplishing the purposes of R.C. Chapter 6111.

V. ORDERS

Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of these Orders, Respondent shall achieve compliance with R.C. Chapter 6111 and the rules adopted thereunder by properly abandoning the WWTP and cleanup the area by satisfactorily, as determine by the Director, performing the following:

a. Pump out all wastewater from the tanks and haul the wastewater to a publicly owned treatment works ("POTW");

b. Salvage all metal grates, piping, motors, blowers, electrical boxes, and the like;

c. Crush and remove or bury all cement tanks; and

d. Within seven (7) days after performance of all the above, notify Ohio EPA in accordance with Section X of these Orders and provide a copy of the receipt for the acceptance of the wastewater by the POTW.

VI. TERMINATION

Respondent’s obligations under these Orders shall terminate when Respondent certifies in writing and demonstrate to the satisfaction of Ohio EPA that Respondent has performed all obligations under these Orders and the Chief of Ohio EPA’s Division of Surface Water acknowledges, in writing, the termination of these Orders. If Ohio EPA does not agree that all obligations have been performed, then Ohio EPA will notify Respondent of the obligations that have not been performed, in which case Respondent shall have an opportunity to address any such deficiencies and seek termination as described above.

The certification shall contain the following attestation: “I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this certification is true, accurate and complete.” The certification shall be signed by Respondent and submitted to Ohio EPA.
VII. OTHER CLAIMS

Nothing in these Orders shall constitute or be construed as a release from any claim, cause of action or demand in law or equity against any person, firm, partnership or corporation, not a party to these Orders, for any liability arising from, or related to activities occurring on or at the WWTP or facility.

VIII. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. These Orders do not waive or compromise the applicability and enforcement of any other statutes or regulations applicable to Respondent.

IX. MODIFICATIONS

These Orders may be modified by agreement of the parties hereto. Modifications shall be in writing and shall be effective on the date entered in the journal of the Director of Ohio EPA.

X. NOTICE

Unless otherwise specifically stated herein, all documents required to be submitted by Respondent pursuant to these Orders shall be addressed to:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Northeast District Office
Division of Surface Water
Attn: DSW Enforcement Unit Supervisor
2110 E. Aurora Road
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

or to such persons and addresses as may hereafter be specified in writing by Ohio EPA.

XI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Ohio EPA and Respondent each reserve all rights, privileges and causes of action, except as specifically waived in Section XII. of these Orders.

XII. WAIVER

In order to resolve disputed claims, without admission of fact, violation or liability, and in lieu of further enforcement action by Ohio EPA for only the violations specifically cited in these Orders, Respondent consents to the issuance of these Orders and agrees to comply with these Orders. Compliance with these Orders shall be a full accord and satisfaction for Respondent’s liability for the violations specifically cited herein.
Respondent hereby waives the right to appeal the issuance, terms and conditions, and service of these Orders and Respondent hereby waives any and all rights Respondent may have to seek administrative or judicial review of these Orders either in law or equity.

Notwithstanding the preceding, Ohio EPA and Respondent agree that if these Orders are appealed by any other person to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, or any court, Respondent retains the right to intervene and participate in such appeal. In such an event, Respondent shall continue to comply with these Orders notwithstanding such appeal and intervention unless these Orders are stayed, vacated or modified.

XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders are entered into the Director’s journal.

XIV. SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

Each undersigned representative of a party to these Orders certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into these Orders and to legally bind such party to these Orders.

IT IS SO ORDERED AND AGREED:
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Craig W. Butler
Director

3/16/16

Date

IT IS SO AGREED:
Hazel B. Zegarac

2-4-16

Date