



**Environmental
Protection
Agency**

Mike DeWine, Governor Jon Husted, Lt. Governor Anne M. Vogel, Director

September 20, 2024

Re: Lima WWTP
Permit-Intermediate
APPROVAL
NPDES
Allen
2PE00000

Mr. Michael Caprella
Director of Utilities
City of Lima OH
50 Town Square
Lima OH 45801

Re: Temporary Classification

Dear Mr. Caprella,

I have received your email dated July 29, 2024 requesting an Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-7-02(E) exemption for the Lima WWTP Permit Number: 2PE00000

Your email indicates that the Lima WWTP will designate Shawn Dershem, WW3-11101941 as the operator of record of the Lima WWTP. Mr. Dershem was granted approval to proceed with his Class IV certification requirements in July 18, 2024, letter from Ohio EPA Division of Drinking and Groundwater. Based on this information I hereby grant the exemption, effective till July 31, 2026. Please be aware that you must, at a minimum, maintain your Class III certificates for the duration of this exemption.

Any change in the operator of record for your wastewater system or any part thereof, is to be promptly reported in writing to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Surface Water.

Per OAC Rule 3745-7-02(E), this exemption may only be used by a wastewater treatment facility for up to 30 months over a 5-year period.

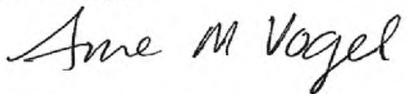
You are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to Section 3745.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00, made payable to "Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague," which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit you demonstrate that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship.

Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address:

Environmental Review Appeals Commission
30 East Broad Street, 4th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Please contact Peggy Christie at Peggy.Christie@epa.ohio.gov or 419-373-3006 at the Northwest District Office of the Ohio EPA if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne M. Vogel".

Anne M. Vogel
Director

cc: Peggy Christie, NWDO, DSW