



September 26, 2024

Mr. Shawn Dershem
Plant Supervisor
Lima WWTP
1200 Fort Amanda Rd
Lima OH 45804

**Re: Lima WWTP
Permit - Intermediate
Approval
NPDES
Allen County
2PE00000**

Re: Operator of Record (ORC) Minimum Hour Reduction Request

Dear Mr. Dershem:

Ohio EPA has received and reviewed your request for reduction in the minimum staffing requirements for the Lima WWTP.

Based upon the review of the operating plan submitted, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-7-04(C)(3)(a)(i) Table A and B. I hereby approve the operating plan and a reduction in minimum staffing at the Lima WWP This reduction is approved for **20** hours based on staffing. Lima WWTP currently has three Class III and two Class II operators working at the plant to meet the staffing requirements for the reduction. Effective upon the date of this letter, the following requirements shall be met:

The system shall meet the criteria specified in the operating plan and an operator of record with a minimum of a Class **IV (or III under approved 2E Exemption)** Wastewater certificate shall be physically present at the system 5 days per week for a minimum of **20** hours per week.

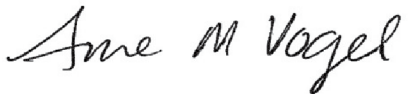
Pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-7-04(C)(3)(a)(ii), any change in the circumstances under which the above referenced reduction was approved, including failure to physically staff the plant with a Class **IV (or III under approved 2E Exemption)** operator of record as required by this authorization, will require the system immediately return to compliance with the minimum staffing requirements in OAC Rule 3745-7-04(C)(1). Please note this provision does not preclude a wastewater treatment works from submitting a modified operating plan.

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

ec: Peggy Christie, NWDO, DSW