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ARKANSAS
Department of Environmental Quality

September 28, 2009

Patricia Higgs
Grand Wil-Lin Retrievers
3880 W. Weir Rd.
Fayetteville, Arkansas 72704



RE: AFIN: 72-00828

Permit No.: 4747-WR-1

Dear Ms. Higgs:

On September 21, 2009, I performed a permit compliance inspection of your waste treatment and disposal facility in accordance with the provisions of the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. This inspection revealed the following violations/issues:

1. Wastewater is surfacing in the leachfield. This is in violation of Part 1, Condition 2 of your permit. This condition must be corrected immediately. Heavy machinery had driven over the leachfield and may have caused damage to one or more of the field lines.
2. The waste solids removal records required by Part 1, Condition 12 of your permit were incomplete. The most recent removal of solids had occurred in June 2009. Only the date of the solids removal and identification of the carrier were available for review. I understand that you requested the required information from your carrier, but were told that they do not normally provide this type of information. I contacted Bub's, Inc. on September 25, 2009 to discuss this matter. Mr. Bobby Taylor stated that all required information will be provided to you in the future.
3. It is recommended that you repair or replace the pump tank riser to prevent surface water from flowing into the pump tank.



The above items require your immediate attention. Please submit a written response to these findings to Cindy Garner, Water Division Enforcement Branch Manager. This response should be mailed to the address indicated below. This response should contain documentation, including photographs where applicable, describing the course of action taken to correct each item noted. This corrective action should be completed as soon as possible, and the written response is due by October 8, 2009.

You were advised during the inspection to notify the Department of the surfacing problem in the leachfield. Part 1, Condition 11 of your permit requires that any leaks, seeps, or discharges from the system be immediately reported to the Department and appropriately corrected. Please note that

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Part II.A.12 of your permit requires submission of a follow-up written report. Refer to this part of the permit for the follow-up report requirements.

Be aware that your new permit has additional conditions not required by your previous permit. These new conditions include a required annual inspection of your waste disposal system by a Qualified Service Technician (see Part 1, Condition 10), and preparation and submission of an annual report (see Part 1, Condition 14). The annual report for calendar year 2009 is due by May 1, 2010.

For additional information you may contact the enforcement branch by telephone at 501-682-0639 or by fax at 501-682-0910.

Thank you for your valuable time during the inspection. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me at 479-267-0811, ext. 16.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Fazio". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

John Fazio
District 1 Field Inspector
Water Division

cc: Water Division Enforcement Branch
Water Division Permits Branch

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NO DISCHARGE INDUSTRIAL PERMIT INSPECTION FORM

AFIN: 72-00828 Log No.: _____
Permit No.: 4747-WR-1 Inspection Date: September 21, 2009
Media: Water Inspector: John Fazio

Compliance Status: IN / OUT

1A. Name of Facility: Grand Wil-Lin Retrievers Training
Address: 3912 W. Weir Rd., WC94, Fayetteville, Arkansas (physical address)
County: Washington

2A. Name of On-Site Representative: Patricia Higgs

3A. Name of Responsible Official: Patricia Higgs
3880 W. Weir Rd., Fayetteville,
Address: AR 72704 (mailing address) Telephone: 479-527-6895

4A. Parent Company: N/A
Address: N/A Telephone: N/A

5A. Description of Process (including type of industry, materials produced, and major by-products): Septic tank / leachfield waste disposal system for a 30-dog kennel facility.

6A. Any complaints registered against this permitted facility? Yes No
If yes, give date and description of complaint: N/A

7A. Are there any additions, modifications, or corrections to the facility since the last inspection? Yes No
If yes, explain: Permittee had allowed previous permit to expire. Since the last inspection, Ms. Higgs applied for and received authorization to operate the waste disposal system. New permit became effective June 1, 2009.

1B. Furnish a simplified flow diagram of the treatment system and include main components, flow sequence through plant, and calculated or estimated flows.

30 Indoor Dog Pens w/ Floor Drain (for manure and wash water) → Single Sewer Outlet Line
 → 1250 gallon Septic Tank/Pump Tank (1000 gallons storage (5 days manure and wash water storage capacity) – doses 60 gallons on demand) → Distribution Box → Leachfield Lines (three 80-foot lines on 10-foot centers stores and disposes up to 200 gal/day effluent)

2B. Nearest Stream: Clabber Creek

3B. Does wastewater from this facility cause adverse effect on the waters of the State:
 Yes No
 If yes, describe: _____

4B. Are operating records kept as required by permit? Yes No N/A
 If no, explain: _____

5B. Are maintenance records kept as required by permit? Yes No N/A
 If no, explain: **Although solids disposal receipts are maintained, only the date of the solids removal and identity of the company removing the solids has been provided to the permittee. I spoke with the carrier, who will provide the necessary information in the future.**

6B. Are samples routinely taken? Yes No N/A

7B. Does the sampling program meet the requirements of the permit?
 Yes No N/A
 If no, explain: _____

8B. What laboratory does the facility use? N/A
 Address: _____ Telephone: _____

1C. Do laboratory procedures and records meet the requirements of the permit?
 Yes No N/A
 If no, explain: _____

2C. Is contaminated runoff a problem? Yes No N/A
 If yes, explain: _____

3C. Is sludge disposal required? Yes No N/A
 If yes, describe (including final destination): Bub's Inc., Tontitown, Arkansas

4C. Is the treatment system being properly operated and maintained as required by permit?
 Yes No N/A
 If no, explain Surfacing occurring in the leachfield. Advised Ms. Higgs to notify the ADEQ. Also, see item 5B above.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS/COMMENTS


The following violations were noted at the time of the inspection:

1. Surfacing is occurring at the leachfield, likely due to damage from heavy machinery.
2. Solids removal records are incomplete.

Repair or replacement of the pump tank riser was recommended.

The facility is otherwise well operated and maintained. The kennel and grounds are very clean.

Ms. Higgs stated that she is going to investigate the cause of the surfacing, and make the necessary repairs.

Inspector Signature: 

Date of Report: 09/28/09

Signature of Reviewer: 

Date of Review: September 28, 2009

Water Division No Discharge Industrial Photographic Evidence Sheet

Location:	Grand Wil-Lin Retrievers
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Photographer:	John Fazio	Witness:	N/A
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Photo #	1	Of	4	Date:	09/21/09	Time:	1158
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Description:	Leachfield overview.
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Photographer:	John Fazio	Witness:	N/A
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Photo #	2	Of	4	Date:	09/21/09	Time:	1035
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Description:	Area of surfacing in leachfield.
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Photographer:	John Fazio			Witness:	N/A		
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Photo #	3	Of	4	Date:	09/21/09	Time:	1036
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Description:	Area of surfacing in leachfield.						
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Photographer:	John Fazio			Witness:	N/A		
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Photo #	4	Of	4	Date:	09/21/09	Time:	1031
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Description:	Pump tank riser needs repair/replacement to prevent surface water inflow.						
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March 22, 2010

To whom it may concern:

In response to Mr. Alan Anderson's phone call on Friday March 20, 2010 the contractor has been in place since September 2009 to make all repairs deemed necessary according to ADEQ regarding AFSIV: 12-00828 and Permit No: 4747-WR-1. The contractor has made several trips to evaluate the area of land where the leachfield will be constructed. UPON his knowledge and recommendation, the ground must be dry for at least one solid week. That has not happened yet. I certainly am not avoiding or neglecting the repairs. As soon as the weather will co-operate the repairs will be addressed, The contractor is on stand by. Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,
Patricia Higgs
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Department of Environmental Quality

April 5, 2010

Ms. Patricia Higgs
Grand Wil-Lim Retrievers
3880 W. Weir Road
Fayetteville, AR 72704

RE: State Permit No.: 4747-WR-1, AFIN: 72-00828
Response to Inspection

Dear Ms. Higgs:

The Department has received your response to the September 21, 2009 inspection of your facility by our District Field Inspector, John Fazio. Your letter appears to adequately address the discrepancies identified during the visit. It is imperative that the complete system installation has been done. The Department assumes the corrective actions taken will be maintained to ensure consistent compliance with the requirements of the permit. Acceptance of this response by the Department does not preclude any future enforcement action deemed necessary at this site or any other site.

The Department will keep the inspection and response on file. If future violations occur that require enforcement action, the Department will consider the inspection and response as required by the Pollution Control and Ecology Commission Regulation No. 7, Civil Penalties. This regulation requires the Department to consider the past history of your site and how expeditiously the violations were addressed in determining any civil penalty that may be necessary for any future violations.

If we need further information concerning this matter, we will contact you. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 501-682-0635 or you may e-mail me at anderson@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,



Alan Anderson
Enforcement Analyst
Water Division Enforcement Branch

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July 31, 2010

RE: Response to Inspection
4747-WR-1 AFIN 72-00828

RE: Letter Dated March 22, 2010

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Please be advised that the work has been completed by the contractor. We are now in compliance with the requirements of the permit.

Sincerely,
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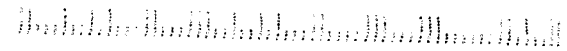
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Attn:
Allen Anderson

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August 12, 2010

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RE: Permit No.: 4747-WR-1 AFIN: 72-00828
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Sincerely,



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