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Delta to Upgrade Sewer Plant

In a settlement with Ohio EPA, Delta will upgrade its wastewater treatment plant to reduce pollutants in its discharges to Bad Creek. The village also will pay a \$20,000 civil penalty for violations involving wastewater discharges from both its sewage and drinking water treatment plants.

Discharges from both treatment plants enter Bad Creek. The effluent from each facility has exceeded pollutant limits on numerous days since 2005 and staff at both treatment plants failed to sample the discharges from the facilities on multiple dates.

Also, in 2009, the village told Ohio EPA that the cost of separating its combined sewers to control overflows of untreated sewage during heavy storms would be too expensive. The village proposed an alternative strategy to transport and treat the combined wastewater and storm water to prevent overflows.

The agreement requires the village to submit a plan by February 1, 2012, detailing how it will control sewer overflows. Once Ohio EPA approves the new plan, the village will have to obtain an installation permit and begin construction to address overflows within nine months after receiving the permit.

The village also agreed to upgrade its wastewater treatment plant so it can consistently meet pollutant limits in its discharges. An engineering evaluation of the plant is due to Ohio EPA within 90 days. Delta also is required to operate both plants within requirements of the permits, including regular sampling and meeting discharge pollution limits.

The civil penalty includes \$16,000 that will be split equally between Ohio EPA's surface water programs and the Ohio Environmental Education Fund. The remaining \$4,000 will be paid to the [Ohio Clean Diesel School Bus Retrofit Fund](#), which provides grants to school districts to retrofit school buses with technology to reduce air pollution emissions.