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### **Summit County Company to Pay Penalty for Wastewater Discharge Permit Violations**

In a negotiated [settlement](#) with Ohio EPA, Tradesmen International Inc. will pay a \$14,370 penalty for past wastewater discharge permit violations at its facility located at 9760 Shepard Road in Macedonia. The violations occurred between 2003 and 2010 and involved the facility's on-site sewage treatment plant. Earlier this year, Tradesmen International decommissioned the poorly functioning plant and connected to the city of Twinsburg's sanitary sewer system.

While the on-site system was operating, it repeatedly failed to meet permitted effluent limits for nitrogen, ammonia, total suspended solids, fecal coliform and other parameters. In an effort to correct the compliance issues, Ohio EPA issued repeated Notice of Violation letters between 2005 and 2010. The company was cited for discharging pollutants to waters of the state and operating the system without a valid, unexpired permit.

Improperly treated sewage often contains high levels of bacteria and can pose a risk to human health and the environment when discharged. Unauthorized discharges also violate the Clean Water Act.

The civil penalty will help fund Ohio EPA's water pollution control efforts, [environmental education programs](#) and [clean diesel school bus program](#).

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