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Re: Lawrence County
Phase II/MS4
Lawrence County and Others
Permit Number 0GQ00007*AG
MS4 Program Audit Findings

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On July 14 and 15, 2008, Ohio EPA conducted an audit of the Lawrence County and Others Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System program. The audit was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. As a result of the audit, I have the following comments regarding your permit requirements:

3.2.1 Public Education and Outreach

1. Pursue additional funding for educational supplies whenever possible.
4. Create an organizational chart listing the contact information for each department.
5. Utilize the local colleges for interns during the summer months. Many programs require an internship to be completed.
4. You must formulate some method of gauging public perception and involvement in regards to the MS4 program.
5. Keep a record of how much education material is given out.
6. Ohio EPA recommends utilizing local water bills, local television, and local newspapers as a method to inform the public in an economic way.

3.2.2 Public Involvement and Participation

1. Form a storm water task group that includes citizen members and hold regular meetings.

3.2.3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

1. A map of the MS4 system must be completed.
2. Ohio EPA recommends that areas that have failing or discharging onsite sewage treatment systems be sewerred.
3. *Inspections on all home sewage treatment systems should be completed annually. Please document the address and owner of each system along with whether or not the system is failing or discharging. Working with the local health department is imperative to meeting this requirement.*
4. Coordinate with the fire department and other responder groups to determine how spills are handled in the MS4 area.
5. Dry weather screening is required for 100% of the outfalls over the five year permit term. Please submit your schedule for the next five year permit cycle. Conduct this action at the same time outfalls are mapped.
6. Develop relationships with employees throughout your program area. These individuals will save you a great deal of time in finding and abating issues.

3.2.4 Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control

3.2.5 Post Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment

1. Utilize the Ohio EPA inspection checklist during inspections. Retain these forms for documentation. Generate violation letters based on what you find during the inspection.
2. Verify whether or not the permittee has obtained permit coverage by utilizing The Ohio EPA general construction stormwater permit database located on our internet website.

3.2.6 Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

1. Develop a method to track catch basin cleaning routines and quantities removed.
2. Inspect all of the maintenance facilities in your program area. Utilize the same criteria that was demonstrated during our inspection at the Lawrence County maintenance garage.

3. You must complete an O&M program for all municipal operations within the MS4 area.
4. Track how many tons of street sweepings are sent to the landfill.
5. Anyone who is involved with herbicide/pesticide application must be trained in the application protocol. Please contact ODOT for training dates.

Please update the storm water management plan to reflect changes created by this letter.

Ohio EPA will be issuing a formal denial to the City of Colgrove waiver request some time this spring.

Within sixty (60) days of receipt of this letter, please submit to me at this office a written notification as to actions taken or proposed to address the above comments. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for the completion of the actions. If you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5277.

Sincerely,



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c: Lawrence County Commissioners
c: Village of South Point