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RE: Sagamore Pond Subdivision

Dehlendorf & Co  
Michael Dehlendorf  
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Dear Mr. Dehlendorf:

This letter is written regarding the storm water inspection that I conducted at the Sagamore Pond Subdivision, located in Fairfield County, on December 19, 2006. I understand that these construction activities are covered under the General Storm Water Permit Associated with Construction Activities. Based on my site inspection and the General Storm Water Permit, the following items must be addressed:

- 1. Sediment and Erosion Controls:** The barren areas had been seeded and straw was blown on a majority of the site. However, the west portion of the site, especially around the west and north side of the sediment pond, was not adequately covered. I did notice that the straw was blowing off the site. Sediment was eroding along the western side of the sediment pond and was bypassing the pond and discharging directly downstream of the pond into an unnamed tributary of Sycamore Creek. The entire site must be directed to the sediment pond. Silt fence was placed to control the erosion, however, it was flowing under the silt fence. I had inspected this site on October 3, 2006, and spoke to the construction foreman requesting that the sediment bypassing the sediment pond be directed to the sediment pond. He stated that this would be done within the week. It is approximately three months later and the sediment is still eroding into the stream.
- 2. Ditch Erosion:** A large section of the ditch along Stemen Road was not stabilized. Sediment was eroding into the roadside ditch and unnamed tributary of Sycamore Creek. Be aware that the General Permit states that all barren areas which remain idle in excess of 21 days must be protected from erosion within seven (7) days of the last earth disturbing activity. In addition, erosion protection must be implemented for all areas of final grade within seven (7) days

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3. **Winter Rule:** In case the seeded areas do not create an adequate cover, considerations must be made at this time to ensure all barren areas are protected from erosion in preparation for the upcoming winter months. Please note, in the event that earthmoving activities extend beyond the effective growing season, alternative erosion protection will be required to fully stabilize the site for winter. (i.e., erosion control matting or crimp mulching).
4. **Open Burning:** During my inspection, no staff was present at the site. There was an unattended open fire burning in a fire ring which included garbage and scrap wood. It is recommended that you contact the local fire department to obtain a burning permit, if the construction crew has not obtained an open burning permit. I extinguished the fire due to the fact that the dry straw that covered the site was blowing around the site and on adjacent properties.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or my inspection, please do not hesitate to call me at our Central District Office at (614) 728-3851. A follow up inspection will be conducted in approximately ten days to ensure that the minimum conditions of the General Permit have been met.

Sincerely,



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