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John R. Kasich, Governor
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October 18, 2011

Jim Weber
Ohio Mulch
4665 Westerville Road
Columbus, OH 43231

Dear Mr. Weber:

This letter is written regarding a complaint investigation I conducted at Ohio Mulch located on Westerville Road on September 29, 2011. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the storm water runoff associated with operations at this site.

Please note, I received a complaint from the city of Columbus the day prior regarding potential impacts from the operations located at this site. City crews evaluated storm water runoff and tracked the potential source of contamination back to Ohio Mulch, located on Westerville Road in Columbus, Ohio.

During the investigation, I met with you onsite manager (Casey) who allowed me access to evaluate the operations at this site. At the time of the inspection we evaluated the mulch storage areas and the drop off location at the southern end of the facility.

Based on my site evaluation, I determined the drop off location is providing stagnate water to accumulate, resulting in the potential impacts to the tributary of Alum Creek. Corrective measures must be implemented to eliminate this waste area and correct the runoff concerns.

The removal of all drop off waste in this area would be the immediate corrective action to remedy this situation. However, please note, additional storm water treatment may be necessary in the event the drop off location continues. This would include, but not limited to, a storm water treatment pond at this site.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the inspection, please do not hesitate to call me at our Central District Office at (614) 728-3844 or email at harry.kallipolitis@epa.state.oh.us. In addition, please provide a written response (**email preferred**) to the action items addressed above within ten days from receipt of this letter. A follow-up inspection will be conducted to ensure the minimum conditions of the General Permit have been met.

Sincerely,

Harry Kallipolitis
Storm Water Coordinator
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