



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
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September 21, 2011

Doug Schwartz
Department of Facilities
Columbus City Schools
889 East 17th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Cedarwood Alternative Elementary School, Franklin County

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

This letter is written regarding the storm water inspection that I conducted at the Cedarwood Alternative Elementary School located at 775 Bartfield Drive, in Columbus, on September 6, 2011. I understand that these construction activities are covered under the General Storm Water Permit Associated with Construction Activities. **It appears construction is not active at the site at this time.** I understand that these construction activities are currently covered under the General Storm Water Permit Associated with Construction Activities. Based on the site inspection and the General Storm Water Permit, the following items must be addressed:

Sediment and Erosion Control:

- Please be aware that there is sediment discharging off-site and to storm water drains along Bartfield Drive. Please install controls to prevent further sediment from discharging off-site and to storm water drains. The controls may include straw wattles, silt fence and dandy bag covers. Please see attached pictures.
- Please be aware that the General Permit states that all barren areas including soil stockpiles which remain idle in excess of 21 days must be protected from erosion within 7 days of the last earth disturbing activities. In addition, erosion protection must be implemented for all areas of final grade within 7 days. Part of the site was barren and appeared to be at final grade. Please see attached pictures.
- The general permit states that all sediment controls will be inspected and maintained every seven days or within 24 hours of a precipitation event equal to or greater than 0.5 inches. A log of inspection must be maintained on site for the agency to review.
- Your general contractor will need to complete and submit a construction storm water co-permittee notice of intent application. This application may be obtained at the following weblink: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/storm/stormform.aspx>. Your contractor is considered an operator per the construction permit. "Operator" means any party associated with a construction project that meets either of the following two criteria:

1. The party has operational control over construction plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications; or
2. The party has day-to-day operational control of those activities at a project which are necessary to ensure compliance with an SWP3 for the site or other permit conditions (e.g., they are authorized to direct workers at a site to carry out activities required by the SWP3 or comply with other permit conditions). As set forth in Part II.A, there can be more than one operator at a site and under these circumstances, the operators shall be co-permittees.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or my inspection, please do not hesitate to contact me at our Central District Office at 614-728-3851 or email at greg.sanders@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



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Central District Office

Enclosure

c: Jeff Bohne, Water Quality Supervisor, DSW/CDO

GS/nsm Cedarwood Alternative ES, September 6, 2011

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