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**Re: Pre-Construction Storm Water Inspection at the Alum Creek Trail
Permit Number 4GC02935*AG**

Dear Mr. Westall:

This letter is written regarding a storm water inspection I conducted of Alum Creek Trail in Franklin County on May 7, 2010. The inspection was prompted via a complaint submitted to our Central Office regarding concerns of in stream construction. I understand this project is currently covered under our General Storm Water Permit Associated with Construction Activities. During the site inspection the following items were noted.

- **In Stream Activities:** During the inspection, I noted the in stream work near Innis Road. A temporary crossing was established constructed entirely on non-erodible fill. I suggest the implementation of a straw cover for the barren and idle areas in this area to further minimize off site sedimentation. It appeared the contractor was exercising measures to minimize re-suspending solids concurrent within the in-stream work.
- **Sediment Control:** Silt fence was installed along the majority of the project. All silt fence must be maintained in accordance with the maintenance protocols listed below
- **Erosion Control Requirements:** Please be aware the General Permit mandates specific permanent and temporary stabilization requirements. All disturbed areas which remain idle in excess of 21 days must be protected from erosion within seven days of the last earth disturbing activities. All areas of final grade must be protected within seven days. All earth disturbing activities should be clearly logged in your inspection reports to ensure the 21 day / seven day requirement is not violated.

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- **Maintenance Requirements:** The General Permit requires the permittee to conduct inspections of all sediment and erosion controls every seven days or within 24 hours of a rain event equal to or greater than 0.5 inches. A log of the inspections and resulting corrective actions must be maintained on site available for review. All earth disturbing activities must be clearly documented in your inspection reports to ensure the temporary or permanent stabilization requirements are not violated.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the inspection, please do not hesitate to contact me at our Central District Office at (614) 728-3844. Follow-up inspections will be conducted to ensure the conditions of the General Permit are continuing to be met.

Sincerely,



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Central District Office

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