



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Ashland County  
Ashland County Roads 1027 & 3006  
Construction  
Storm Water

August 19, 2011

Mr. Edward J. Meixner, P.E., P.S.  
Ashland County Engineer  
1511 Cleveland Avenue  
Ashland, Ohio 44805

Ms. Meg Rietschlin  
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Crestline, Ohio 44827

Dear Mr. Meixner & Ms. Rietschlin:

On July 20, 2011, Ohio EPA representative Judson Delancey inspected Ashland County Roads 1027 & 3006 in Hanover Township (photos taken). The purpose of the visit was to evaluate compliance of the site with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for storm water discharges associated with construction activity, Facility ID No. 2GC02739\*AG. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. Nick Rietschlin with Rietschlin Construction was present to provide information on the project.

As a result of the inspection, we have the following comments:

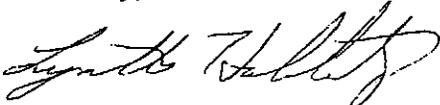
1. At the time of inspection, construction was ongoing on County Road 1027. Work had not started on County Road 3006. County Road 1027 had been torn out down to the dirt below and reshaped to help with the road's erosion into Pleasant Hill Lake. Storm sewers were being replaced with larger storm sewers. The site had been roughly graded. Approximately three acres of land were disturbed and barren.
2. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) was onsite and available for review.
3. Inspection logs were kept, but they were not onsite. Pete Rietschlin is the inspector and he was not onsite at the time. The inspection logs were in his truck. They are being kept per an e-mail, dated July 21, 2011, that Meg Rietschlin sent me with copies of the log. A copy of the logs must remain onsite during working hours. *This is a violation of Part III.G.2.i of the permit.*

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4. The entire site drained to the west side of the project. There were three check dams that were installed on the west side where the road's embankment will be. These check dams slowed the flow to a line of silt fence and straw waddles at the toe of the embankment's slope. The silt fence appeared to be installed and maintained properly.
  
5. The site was constantly being worked and no area lay idle. As construction continues, please remember the permit requirements for applying stabilization. *Permit Requires:* Portions of the construction site which will be inactive for more than 21 days must have temporary stabilization initiated within the first seven. Temporary stabilization is required prior to the onset of winter weather for ground that will be idle over winter. Permanent stabilization is required within seven days on any portion of the site that has reached final grade or will be idle for longer than one year. Soil stabilization practices shall be initiated within two days on inactive, barren areas within 50 feet of a stream. Permanent seeding and mulching is required before construction activity is completed throughout the entire site. If seasonal conditions prohibit the establishment of vegetative cover, other means, such as mulching and matting, must still be used and maintained until more permanent methods can be implemented. *Please see Part III.G.2.b.i. of the permit.*

If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3009.

Sincerely,



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Storm Water Program

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