

**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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Director

July 19, 2011

RE: LORAIN COUNTY  
CITY OF AVON  
FRENCH CREEK RECREATIONAL AREA  
NPDES PERMIT NO. OHC000003  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3GC03950\*AG  
CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER

Rob Knopf, Engineer  
City of Avon  
36080 Chester Road  
Avon, OH 44011

Dear Mr. Knopf:

On July 13, 2011, Ohio EPA conducted an inspection of the French Creek Recreational Area project located at Miller Road South of SR 611, City of Avon, Lorain County. Ohio EPA records indicate that the site was covered by the General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity (General Storm Water Permit), permit No. 3GC03950\*AG, but NPDES permit coverage was terminated on September 10, 2010. The inspection was conducted to ensure the sediment basin has been converted into a post-construction water quality pond as shown in the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3).

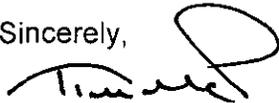
The inspection documented the following:

- The SWP3 indicates that the sediment basin will be converted into a wet extended detention pond once construction of the baseball stadium and recreation center is completed (see Sheet 45 of 67 of the construction drawings). The baseball stadium and recreation center have been completed for approximately 2 years, yet the basin is still configured per the sediment basin detail on Sheet 47 of 67 of the construction drawings (see Figure 1). Please complete installation of the wet extended detention pond as intended on Sheet 45 of 67 in the construction drawings. It calls for the installation of a 4.5-inch orifice to control the discharge of the Water Quality Volume (WQv), horizontal perforated pipe and stone (see attached drawing from SWP3) (See Figure 1).
- The City is not conducting long-term maintenance of this basin as required. The storm sewer directing runoff to the basin was clogged with trash, vegetation, and other debris. According to the long-term maintenance plan contained in the SWP3, it is the responsibility of the City of Avon to inspect and clean the pipe on a *monthly* basis, which does not appear to be the case. Please be sure to keep up on monthly inspections of the wet extended detention pond to ensure long-term operation and maintenance as intended by the SWP3.

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Please provide me with a letter of response indicating the actions you will take to address the deficiencies noted above. Your response must be received and corrective action completed by August 1, 2011. If corrective action cannot be completed by this date, your response should include the date by when corrections will be completed. **The Notice of Termination submitted for this project will not be considered valid until the sediment basin is converted to its post-construction configuration.** Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (330) 963-1128.

Sincerely,



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Assistant to the District Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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pc: James Smith, Mayor, City of Avon  
Mike Bramhall, Bramhall Engineering

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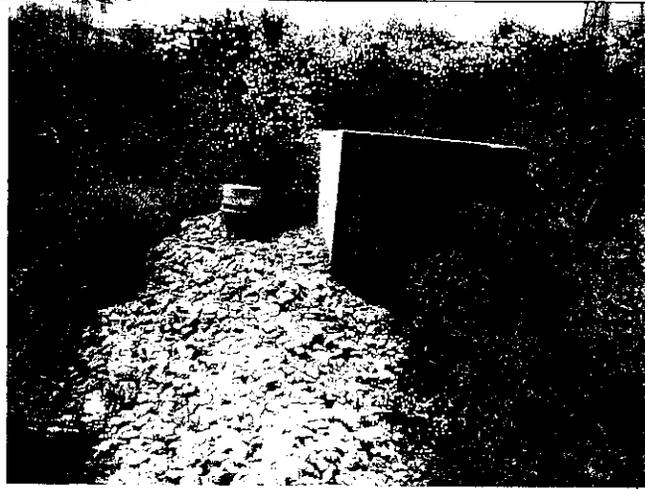


Figure 1. The outlet structure has not been modified for post construction as specified in the SWP3.