

**Environmental  
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August 1, 2011

RE: MEDINA COUNTY  
MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP  
SMITH BROS MULCH FACILITY  
NPDES PERMIT NO. OHC000003  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3GC05140\*AG  
CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER

Jeremy Smith  
Rocky River Reserve LLC  
7677 Spieth Road  
Medina, OH 44256

Dear Mr. Smith:

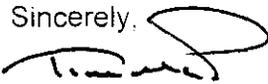
On July 20, 2011, Ohio EPA conducted an inspection of the Smith Bros. Inc. Mulch Facility project located at Wooster Pike Road (West of Paradise Road), Montville Township, Medina County. Ohio EPA records indicate that the site is covered by the General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity (General Storm Water Permit), permit No. 3GC05140\*AG. The inspection was conducted as a follow up to an inspection conducted on May 24, 2011, and documented the following:

- **The site has permanent stabilization issues.**
  - There are several areas throughout the property, specifically in the back of the site (opposite Wooster Pick Road) that are not stabilized. It appears that they had been seeded at one point, but did not take due to weather conditions, erosion of the seeding, etc. Please permanently stabilize these areas by filling in eroded channels, and covering the areas with seeding and straw mulch immediately. Sloped areas might require erosion matting or netting to help vegetation take root (See Figures 1-3).
- **There are inadequate erosion control measures in the diversion around the sediment basin.**
  - The diversion around the sediment basin had straw bales placed across it in a couple areas. Straw bales are not an acceptable erosion or sediment control. To slow the velocity of water passing through the diversion, please install rock check dams with specifications detailed in the *Ohio Rainwater and Land Development Manual (attached)* and remove the preexisting straw bales (See Figure 4).
- **The site appears complete.**
  - If this is the case, please correct the issues noted above, and terminate permit 3GC05140\*AG. The Notice of Termination (NOT) form to terminate coverage under the NPDES General Construction Storm Water permit is available at the web address listed below. ***The NOT can only be filled out once the issues noted are corrected and the site has reached final stabilization.***

*The NOT form and instructions for completion can be found at:*  
[www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/stormform.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/stormform.aspx)

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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 15, 2011. If corrective action cannot be completed by this date, your response should include the date by when corrections will be completed. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (330) 963-1128.

Sincerely, 

Tim McParland  
Assistant to the District Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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pc: Medina SWCD  
Dan Metz, Medina County Engineers, Stormwater Technician  
Board of Trustees, Montville Township

ec: Chris Moody, DSW, NEDO



Figure 1. Stabilization issues.



Figure 2. Eroded channels need to be filled and stabilized.



Figure 3. Sloped areas might require erosion matting to help vegetation grow.



Figure 4. Rock Check Dams must be implemented to replace straw bales.