



**Environmental
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June 9, 2011

RE: PORTAGE COUNTY
AURORA
AURORA HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS
CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER

Mr. William Volosin
Aurora City Schools
102 E Garfield Road
Aurora, OH 44202

Dear Mr. Volosin:

On June 7, 2011, I performed an inspection at the above-referenced site to determine compliance with the Ohio EPA General Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Construction Activities #3GC01408*AG and #3GC04302*AG. Our records indicate that Aurora City Schools was granted coverage under the NPDES permit on February 10, 2005, and December 30, 2008, respectively.

It appears that construction activities are complete and most of the site is properly vegetated. However, near the back of the Harmon Middle School site, there are several areas that have not been stabilized (Figures 1 and 2), including a dirt stockpile (Figure 3). Please be aware that the NPDES permit requires that all areas be stabilized within 7 days of reaching final grade. If you do not plan to conduct further earth-moving activities in this area, you must seed and mulch the uncovered areas to reach final stabilization. Final stabilization means that all soil disturbing activities at the site are complete and a uniform perennial vegetative cover (i.e., evenly distributed, without large bare areas) has reached a growth density of 70% or greater on all unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures. Equivalent stabilization measures, such as the use of landscape mulches, rip-rap, or gabions, may be employed, where appropriate, in lieu of vegetation.

In addition, all temporary erosion and sediment control practices must be removed and disposed, and all sediment trapped by these practices must be permanently stabilized. Please remove the silt fence that is present on the property (Figure 4) and stabilize any loose sediment. When you complete these requirements, please be aware that NPDES permit coverage must be terminated within 45 days of when the site reaches final stabilization.

In addition, post-construction water quality best management practices (post-construction BMPs) must be installed, and a long-term maintenance plan must be provided to the party that will be responsible for long-term maintenance of those

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practices, e.g., homeowners' association. Post-construction BMPs are permanent site features that will remain in perpetuity to improve the quality of storm water runoff from the development site. Examples of post-construction BMPs include, but are not limited to, extended detention basins, bioretention cells (or "rain gardens"), sand filters, permeable pavement, and enhanced swales. In some cases, post-construction BMPs include non-structural preservation areas such as riparian setbacks and conservation easements.

Please take the necessary steps to bring your site to final stabilization and ensure that post-construction BMPs have been installed. You may wish to consult with the MS4 Program Manager for the City of Aurora, John Trew, to make this determination. Then, you must submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) to Ohio EPA to terminate NPDES permit coverage. The form and instructions are available on our website at www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/stormform.aspx. If you are unable to bring your site to final stabilization and submit an NOT, please provide me with a letter of explanation indicating why NPDES permit coverage cannot yet be terminated within seven days of receiving this letter. Otherwise, please submit the NOT and appropriate verification that you have corrected the above issues within seven days of receiving this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (330) 963-1128.

Sincerely,



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Assistant to the District Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Justin Czekaj, Engineer, City of Aurora
John Trew, MS4 Program Manager, City of Aurora
Lynn McGill, Mayor, City of Aurora
Portage County SWCD



Figure 1 – Area in rear of Harmon Middle School lacks vegetation.



Figure 2 – Loose sediment must be stabilized.

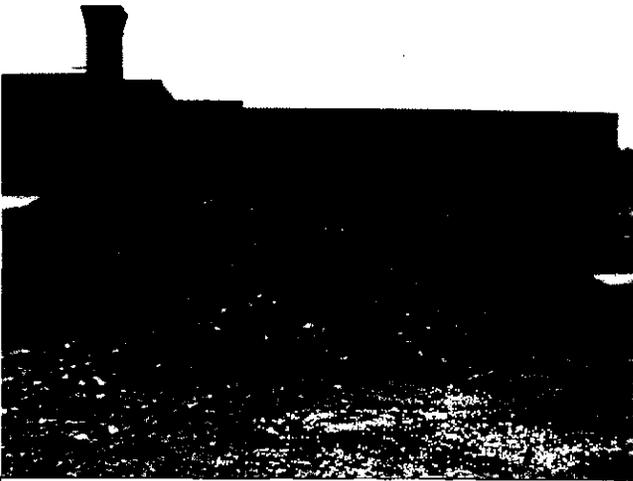


Figure 3 – Dirt stockpile must be stabilized or removed if work is complete.

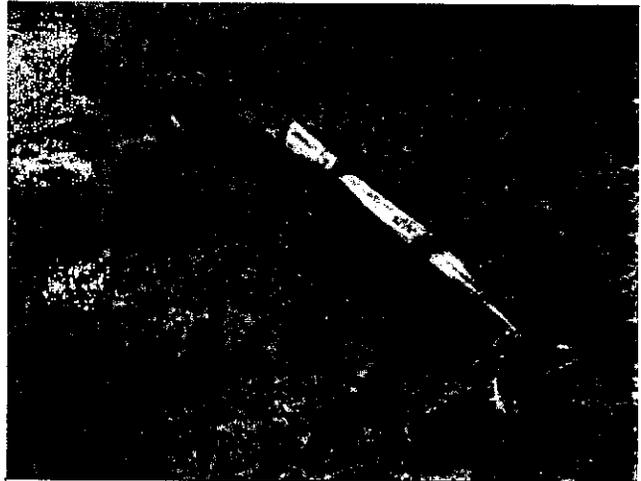


Figure 4 – Temporary controls must be removed after area is stabilized.