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Re: Crawford County  
Knecht's Auto Recycling  
Construction  
Storm Water

July 8, 2009

Mr. Brian Knecht  
Knecht's Auto Recycling  
1045 W. Mansfield Street  
Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

Dear Mr. Knecht:

On June 11, 2009, I inspected Knechts Auto Recycling at 1644 Lincoln Highway, Holmes Township, Crawford County. The purpose of my 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 (Construction General Permit), Facility ID No. 2GC01926. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. Ohio EPA has no record of other permittees for this site.

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

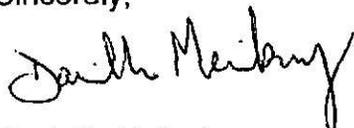
1. At the time of inspection, the site was inactive. A stone construction entrance was present with little tracking. Equipment was present. The building had been erected and the fence had been installed. Due to the absence of personnel or a construction trailer, the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWP3) and inspection logs were not available for review.
2. Ground along the drives and parking areas was weathered with some weed growth. It appeared that the timeframes for applying stabilization had been exceeded. *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. Permanent stabilization is required within seven (7) days on any portion of the site that has reached final grade or will be idle for longer than one (1) year. Permanent seeding and mulching is required before construction activity is completed throughout the entire site.

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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. *Failure to do so is a violation of Part III.G.2.b.i. of the permit.* At a minimum, temporary stabilization must be applied to bare idle areas of the site. There were also three large soil stockpiles on the north side of the property. Weed growth was apparent on these stockpiles. The stockpiles are large enough to apply at least temporary stabilization on portions of it, while maintaining a working face if that is necessary.

Within 10 days of the date on this letter, please submit to this office **written notification** as to the actions taken or proposed to prevent any future violations. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for the completion of the actions. If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3006.

Sincerely,



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