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Re: Defiance County
Barth Hillcrest 4th Addition
Construction
Storm Water

April 9, 2009

Mr. Verlin Barth
1550 Ottawa Avenue
Defiance, Ohio 43512

Dear Mr. Barth:

On March 25, 2009, I inspected the Barth Hillcrest 4th Addition construction site at 1700 Evan Dr., Defiance, Ohio. The purpose of my visit was to evaluate compliance of the site with your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for storm water associated with construction activity, Construction General Permit (CGP) Facility ID NO. 2GC01975*AG. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. At the time of the inspection, construction was in progress. The following are comments on compliance with the NPDES permit:

1. There was no active construction at the site at the time of my inspection and streets and utilities had been installed. The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) was not available for viewing.
2. Sediment was being deposited on the street and collecting in the curbs and catch basins. Inlet protection appeared to be silt fence under the catch basin grate. Ohio EPA does not accept this practice for inlet protection.
3. No other sediment or erosion controls were observed.
4. Disturbed areas are to be stabilized when they will be dormant for more than 21 days. This stabilization is to be done within seven days of the most recent disturbance of the area. Most of the disturbed area has not yet been stabilized.
5. At a minimum, all controls on the site are to be inspected at least once every seven calendar days and within 24 hours after any storm event greater than one-half inch of rain per 24 hour period. Inspection records are to be retained.
6. The CGP requires that all sites have post-construction storm water management. These post-construction storm water practices shall provide perpetual management of runoff quality and quantity. The SWP3 must contain a description of the post-construction best management practice (BMP) that will be installed during construction of the site and the rationale for their selection.

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The CGP for this site only covered 1.4 acres. However, this site is part of a larger common plan which will be greater than five acres. The post construction BMP chosen for this site must be able to detain storm water runoff for protection of the stream channel, stream erosion control, and improved water quality.

Please send written notification of what corrective measures you have taken to correct the above violations. Please also submit all details for the design and construction of all post-construction controls for this site to my attention at this office within 10 days of the date on this letter. If you have any questions, you may contact me at (419) 373-3016 or patricia.tebbe@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



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