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RE: Erie County
Barnes Nursery Farm 11
Construction
Storm Water

August 4, 2009

Ms. Sharon L. Barnes
Barnes Nursery Farm 11
3511 Cleveland Road West
Huron, Ohio 44839

Dear Ms. Barnes:

On July 27, 2009, I inspected the Barnes Nursery Farm 11 located 900 ft. north of Route 2 and 1400 ft. west of Camp Road, in Huron Township. The purpose of the 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. 2GC01426. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. As a result of this inspection, the site may soon be eligible to terminate NPDES permit coverage.

It appears that construction activities at the Barnes Nursery Farm 11 are complete. Please be aware that a Notice of Termination (NOT) must be filed to relieve you of the obligation to comply with this general permit, including the obligation of routine inspections. A NOT may be filed if one or more of the following conditions have been met:

- Final stabilization has been achieved on all portions of the site for which the permittee is responsible. Final Stabilization means that either:
 1. All soil disturbing activities at the site are complete and a uniform perennial vegetative cover of at least 70% density has been established over the entire site. All temporary erosion and sediment control measures have been removed, properly disposed of, and all trapped sediment is permanently stabilized; or
 2. Another operator(s) has assumed control over all areas of the site that have not been fully stabilized.

Your site seems to have met all of the above conditions, except it was not readily evident what post construction storm water management practice(s) had been implemented. The NOI application indicated that this development is 10 acres, making this a large construction activity under the terms of the permit.



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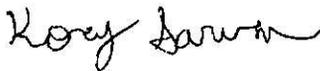
As such, one or more of the permanent structural post-construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) listed in Table 2 of the permit must be installed to treat the water quality volume (WQv) and ensure compliance with Ohio's Water Quality Standards in Ohio Administrative Code 3745-1. An additional volume equal to 20% of the WQv shall be incorporated into the BMP for sediment storage and/or reduced infiltration capacity. Drain times shall meet those in Table 2 of the permit with no more than half of the extended detention volume draining in the first one-third of the target drain time.

Please submit information demonstrating how the post construction storm water management requirement is being met. Your reply should include a site map showing the location of each practice, a delineation of its tributary drainage area and its size, and the basis for its design. For each control include: the calculations of the Water Quality Volume (WQv), a detail drawing of the structure with relevant elevations, stage-storage tables, and release rate calculations. Runoff coefficients must be based on those contained in Table 1 the permit. If a weighted runoff coefficient is being used, include supporting calculations. Your reply must address how the Post-Construction requirement will be met for all disturbed areas.

When a uniform perennial vegetative cover has reached a growth density of 70% across the entire site and all permit conditions have been met, you will be eligible to submit an NOT application form to Ohio EPA's Central Office. The NOT form can be found on our website: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/storm/stormform.html>. NOTs must be submitted within 45 days of when the above criteria are met.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3085.

Sincerely,



Korey Sarven
Division of Surface Water

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