



Environmental  
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July 15, 2011

RE: STARK COUNTY  
CITY OF ALLIANCE  
ALLIANCE VENTURES  
COMMERCIAL CENTER  
CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER

Mr. Gerald Mastroianni  
Alliance Ventures  
1840 W State Street  
Alliance, OH 44601

Dear Mr. Mastroianni:

On July 12, 2011, I, along with Julie Berbari of the Stark Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), 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 #3GC05339\*AG. Our records indicate that Alliance Ventures was granted coverage under the NPDES permit on March 16, 2011.

During my inspection, I documented the following deficiencies:

1. The silt fence along the east and west sides of the property is not trenched six inches into the ground (Figure 1). Please repair the silt fence in these areas.
2. The inlet protection that is present on the storm drain along Western Road is not an appropriate sediment control (Figure 2). Please install an appropriate form of inlet protection per the specifications given in the *Rainwater and Land Development Manual* (Ohio Department of Natural Resources, 2006), available on-line at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/9186/default.aspx>.
3. Additional gravel is needed at the construction entrances along State Street and Western Road (Figure 3). Please put more stone in these locations to prevent sediment from being tracked onto the roads.
4. The sediment basin does not have an appropriate outlet structure, and as a result, sediment-laden water is leaving the site without being treated. **This is a direct violation of the NPDES permit.** You must install the riser and surrounding stone that are shown on the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) for the site.

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5. The entire site lacks stabilization (Figure 5). If any areas will not be worked within 21 days or have reached final grade, you must temporarily stabilize these locations within seven day of the last earth disturbance.

Please provide me with a letter of response indicating the actions you will take to address the deficiencies noted above. Your response, along with any amendments to the SWP3, must be submitted to the Ohio EPA **no later than July 28, 2011**. If corrective actions are not completed by this date, please include a schedule that outlines when action will be taken. It is Ohio EPA's expectation that all of these deficiencies will be addressed within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

Finally, please fax a copy of your most recent storm water inspection report to my attention at (330) 487-0769 or via e-mail at [michelle.hummel@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:michelle.hummel@epa.state.oh.us). The NPDES permit requires you to inspect all storm water best management practices once every 7 days and within 24 hours of a 0.5-inch or greater rainfall. The results of these inspections must be documented as indicated in Part III.G.2.i of the NPDES permit.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (330) 963-1128.

Sincerely,



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Division of Surface Water

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cc: Curtis Bungard, Engineer, City of Alliance  
John Blaser, MS4 Program Manager, City of Alliance  
Toni Middleton, Mayor, City of Alliance  
Julie Berbari, Stark SWCD

ec: Phil Rhodes, Ohio EPA, NEDO, DSW



Figure 1 – The silt fence is not properly trenched into the ground.



Figure 2 – The inlet protection along Western Road is not an appropriate sediment control.

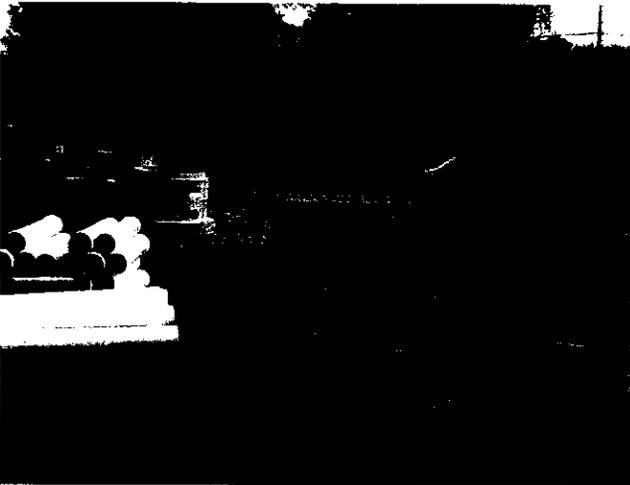


Figure 3 – The rock construction entrances need maintenance.

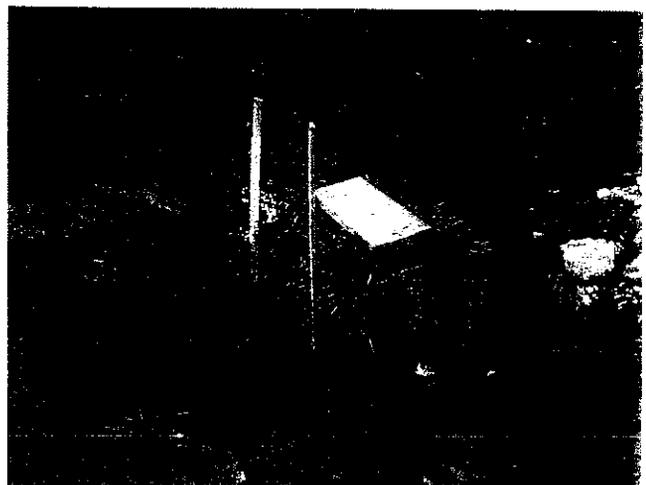


Figure 4 – The sediment basin does not have an appropriate outlet structure.



Figure 5 – The entire site lacks stabilization.