



Environmental
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July 14, 2011

RE: SUMMIT COUNTY
CITY OF NORTON
EASTON ROAD EXTENSION
AND FIRE DEPT BUILDING
CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER

Mr. David White
City of Norton
4060 Columbia Woods Drive
Norton, OH 44203

Dear Mr. White:

On July 7, 2011, I, along with Cindy Fink of the Summit 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 #3GC04818*AG. Our records indicate that the City of Norton was granted coverage under the NPDES permit on February 23, 2010.

It appears that construction activities are complete and most of the site has been stabilized. However, greater vegetation is needed along the road at the front of the property, as well as in the area surrounding the pond that sits behind the building. Please seed and mulch these areas to ensure that vegetation grows. When this is complete, please be aware that NPDES permit coverage must be terminated within 45 days of when the site reaches 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. Also, all temporary erosion and sediment control practices, such as the framed inlet protection and Dandy Bag that are currently in place, must be removed and disposed, and all sediment trapped by these practices must be permanently stabilized.

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 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

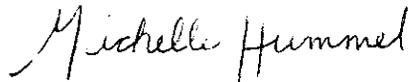
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to, extended detention basins, bioretention cells (or "rain gardens"), sand filters, permeable pavement, and enhanced swales. In some cases, post-construction BMPs include non-structural preservation areas such as riparian setbacks and conservation easements.

When you determine that your site has reached final stabilization, 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.

Please provide me with a letter of response indicating the actions you will take to address the issues noted above. Your response must be submitted to the Ohio EPA **no later than July 28, 2011**. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (330) 963-1128.

Sincerely,



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Assistant to the District Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: David Koontz, Mayor, City of Norton
Cindy Fink, Summit SWCD

ec: Phil Rhodes, Ohio EPA, NEDO, DSW