



**Environmental
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July 8, 2011

RE: SUMMIT COUNTY
CITY OF HUDSON
VETERINARY CENTER OF HUDSON
CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER

Dan Bestic
Veterinary Center of Hudson
1749 East Sapphire Street
Hudson, OH 44236

Dear Mr. Bestic:

On June 22, 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 #3GC05129*AG. Our records indicate that the Veterinary Center of Hudson was granted coverage under the NPDES permit on October 15, 2010.

During my inspection, I documented the following deficiencies:

1. The silt fence needs maintenance (Figure 1). You must repair and maintain the silt fence around all disturbed areas until these locations reach 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.
2. The outlet to the sediment basin discharges onto the disturbed part of the site, and as a result flows over exposed soil before leaving the site (Figure 2). This negates the purpose of the sediment basin. You must take measures to ensure that runoff discharged from the basin does not become sediment-laden before leaving the site. Because construction is complete, you should permanently stabilize all areas that lie beyond the outlet structure and monitor these locations to ensure that the vegetation establishes itself properly.
3. Once final stabilization is reached, please be sure to remove all erosion and sediment controls and implement the post-construction water quality best management practices (BMPs) that are shown on the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) for the site. When you determine that your site has reached final stabilization and all post-construction BMPs are installed properly, 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.

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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 21, 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. 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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Figure 1 – The silt fence needs maintenance.



Figure 2 – The discharge from the sediment basin flows over bare soil.