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RE: Fulton County
Storm Water Construction Activity
Pettisville New PK-12 School
Permit No. 2GC02456*AG

April 29, 2010

Mr. Steve Switzer
Pettisville Local Schools
232 Summit Street
Pettisville, OH 43553

Dear Mr. Switzer:

On April 9, 2010, I performed an inspection of the Pettisville PK-8 School, located at 232 Summit St, in the Village of Pettisville, Fulton County. The purpose of this 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, also known as the Construction General Permit (CGP). The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. There are no co-permittees listed for this project.

As a result of the inspection I have the following comments:

1. At the time of inspection the site was inactive. Areas on the north and south sides of County Rd D had been cleared.
2. The area south of the existing school had been cleared and had silt fence and chain link fence erected around the site. Inlet protection had been installed on catch basins.
3. Areas south of County Road D had been cleared and a pond for geothermal heating had been installed.
4. I understood that contractors had not been on the site for at least four months. Cleared ground on both sides of County Road D had not been stabilized. The CGP requires that any disturbed areas that will be idle over winter are to be stabilized prior to the onset of winter months. *This is a violation of Part III.G.2.b.i of the CGP.*
5. There was significant erosion on the property including several areas along the stream south of County Rd D. Several catch basins were covered by dirt. Sediment controls are to be properly maintained. ODNR's Rainwater and Land Development Manual, which is Ohio's standards for stormwater management states that effective storm drain inlet protection must be cleaned regularly. *This is a violation of Part III.G.2.h of the CGP.*



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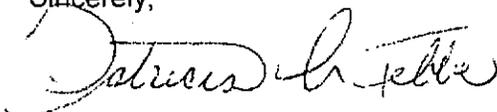
6. Silt fence had fallen in numerous places, significantly along the stream banks allowing severe erosion on the bank. Storm water control practices are to be maintained. *This is a violation of Part III.G.2g of the CGP.*
7. There are no co-permittees listed for this project. The CGP defines an "operator" to mean any party associated with a construction project that meets either of the following two criteria:
 - a. The party has operational control over construction plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications: or
 - b. The party has day-to-day operational control of those activities at a project which are necessary to ensure compliance with a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) for the site or other permit conditions (e.g. they are authorized to direct workers at a site to carry out activities required by the SWP3 or comply with other permit conditions. *This is a violation of Part II.B of the CGP.*
8. A construction entrance was not in evidence on the south side of County Road D though it was evident that vehicles had been on the site. *This is a violation of Part III.G.2.b of the CGP.*

I did not review a SWP3 or any inspection logs at the time of my inspection. Please submit **written** notification of what corrective measures you have taken to correct the above violations to my attention at this office by May 17, 2010. Please submit the SWP3 and all inspection logs to me also by May 17, 2010.

I recommend that you contact your general contractor, (along with any other persons that may be operators) and present them with this letter with a request that they submit a co-permittee Notice of Intent. While I recognize that there was a massive storm event two days prior to my inspection, this construction site is a good example of a construction site that does not have adequate stormwater controls that are properly maintained and a site that is not properly stabilized.

I will be out of the office until May 18, 2010 but if you have any questions, you may contact me after that date at (419) 373-3016 or by e-mail at patricia.tebbe@epa.state.oh.us

Sincerely,



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Division of Surface Water

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