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Re: Fulton County
Old Orchard Addition Subdivision
Construction
Storm Water

July 14, 2009

Mr. Larry Warncke
1040 Old Orchard Drive
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Dear Mr. Warncke:

On June 25, 2009, I inspected Old Orchard Addition Subdivision north of Old Orchard Drive, in Wauseon (pictures taken). The purpose of my 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. 2GC00880. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. Ohio EPA has no record of other permittees for this site.

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

1. At the time of inspection, the site was inactive. The road, curbs, and storm sewer had all been installed. Three homes had been built. It appeared that the property had reached final grade. Due to the absence of personnel or a construction trailer, the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWP3) and inspection logs were not available for review.
2. Soil on the vacant lots was weathered and had some weed growth. There was also weathering evident on the soil stockpile on the east side of the property. It appeared that the time frames for applying stabilization, to the vacant lots and the soil stockpile, had been exceeded. *Permit Requires:* Portions of the construction site which will be inactive for more than 21 days must have temporary stabilization initiated within the first seven. Permanent stabilization is required within 7 days on any portion of the site that has reached final grade or will be idle for longer than 1 year. Permanent seeding and mulching is required before construction activity is completed throughout the entire site. If seasonal conditions prohibit the establishment of vegetative cover, other means, such as mulching and matting, must still be used and maintained until more permanent methods can be implemented. *Failure to do so is a violation of Part III.G.2.b.i. of the permit.* At a minimum, temporary stabilization must be applied to bare idle areas of the site. I recommend applying a cover of straw mulch until fall, when conditions are more suitable for seeding. Straw must be applied at 2 tons per acre.

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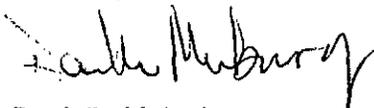
3. Structural controls were not in place to address all runoff from the site. More specifically, North Turkey Creek on the north side of the property was unprotected. *Permit Requires:* Structural controls shall be used on all sites remaining disturbed for more than 14 days. Sheet flow from denuded areas shall be intercepted by sediment barriers. Control practices shall protect adjacent streams. *This is a violation of Parts III.G.2.d. iii. and v. of the permit.*

I recommend that a silt fence be placed along the disturbed ground above the creek to minimize sediment entering the creek.

4. There was no inlet protection on the curb inlet catch basins. *Permits Requires:* Practices shall minimize sediment laden water entering active storm drain systems unless they drain to a sediment settling pond. *This is a violation of Part III.G.2.d.iv. of the permit.* No inlet protection is only acceptable if the inlets drain directly to a sediment settling pond meeting the permit requirements. It is necessary to install inlet protection.

Within 10 days of the date on this letter, please submit to this office **written notification** as to the actions taken or proposed to prevent any future violations. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for the completion of the actions as well as a current copy of the site's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3006.

Sincerely,



Danielle Meienburg
Division of Surface Water
Storm Water Program

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Dennis Richardson, City of Wauseon