



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

Ted Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lt. Governor
Chris Korleski, Director

Re: Hancock County
BVFC Gas Station
Construction
Storm Water

August 9, 2010

Mr. Steve Rodman
Blanchard Valley Farmers Cooperative
6566 County Road 236
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Dear Mr. Rodman:

On June 7, 2010, Sarah Clement and Judson Delancey inspected the Blanchard Valley Farmers Cooperative Gas Station at 602 West Lytle Street in Fostoria, Ohio. The purpose of the visit was to evaluate compliance of the site with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permit for storm water discharges associated with construction activity, Facility ID No. 2 GC02402*AG. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of the Ohio's water pollution controls statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. As a result of this inspection, your site may be eligible to terminate your NPDES permit.

It appears that the construction activities for the BVFC Gas Station are near completion. The lot had been paved, the fueling pumps had been installed, and the disturbed area had been seeded. Accordingly, a Notice of Termination (NOT) must be filed to relieve you of the obligation to comply with this general permit. An NOT may be filed if one or more of the following conditions have been met:

- Final stabilization has been achieved on all portions of the site for which the permittee is responsible. Final stabilization means either that:
 1. All soil disturbing activities at the site are complete and a uniform perennial vegetative cover of at least 70% density has been established over the entire site. All temporary erosion and sediment control measures have been removed, properly disposed of, and all trapped sediment has been permanently stabilized; or
 2. For construction projects on land used for agricultural purposes, final stabilization may be accomplished by returning the disturbed land to its pre-construction agricultural use. If not returned to its pre-construction agricultural use, the land must meet the final stabilization criteria in (1) or (2) above.

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- Another operator(s) has assumed control over all areas of the site that have not been full stabilized;

While construction activities appeared to be complete, it was not apparent what permanent structural storm water management practices have been/ will be implemented on the site. Please send a written response describing what post-construction storm water management practices have been/ will be implemented within 10 days of the date on this letter. The permit requires that post-construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) are installed during construction to control pollutants in storm water discharges that will occur after construction has concluded. Such practices include, but are not limited to: storm water extended detention structures; retention structures; water quality swales; bioretention areas. Your reply should include the type(s) of practices, the basis for its design, and the installation dates. When all permit conditions have been met please file the NOT form. The form and instructions can be found on our website: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/storm/stormform.html>. NOTs must be filed with Ohio EPA's Central Office within 45 days of when the above criteria are met.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3009.

Sincerely,



Lynette Hablitzel, P.E.
Division of Surface Water
Storm Water Program

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Dan Thornton, Compliance Officer Engineer