



Environmental  
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Hancock County  
E Melrose Avenue Improvement  
ODOT PID 78111 Project No. 328446  
Construction  
Storm Water

June 21, 2011

Mr. Bruce Hardy, Service Director  
City of Findlay  
318 Dorney Plaza, Room 310  
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Dear Mr. Hardy:

On June 13, 2011, I inspected the E. Melrose Avenue Improvement project, between Knollwood Drive and Crystal Avenue, Findlay. The purpose of the 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, Facility ID No 2GC02413\*AG. At this time, Ohio EPA has no record of any other permittees for this project. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. As a result of this inspection, your site may be eligible for termination of NPDES permit coverage.

This project involved the reconstruction of portions of East Melrose Avenue. Based on my observations and a June 9, 2011, e-mail from Meghan Clement, Interim City of Findlay Engineer, it appears that construction activities are complete. A Notice of Termination 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 established on all areas of the site for which the permittee is responsible. Final stabilization means that either:
  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

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

It appears that your site may meet the above criteria. If you feel the same is true and you have installed the site's post construction storm water management facilities, please file the NOT form. The NOT form and instructions can be found on our website: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/stormform.aspx>. NOTs must be filed with Ohio EPA's Central Office within 45 days of when the above criteria are met.

Information submitted with the permit application stated that the impervious area increased by 1.5 acres with this project. The permit requires that post-construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) are installed during construction to control pollutants in the storm water discharges that will occur after construction has concluded. Part III.G.2.e. of the permit states "The construction of new roads and roadway improvement projects by public entities (i.e., the state, counties, townships, cities, or villages) may implement post-construction BMPs in compliance with the current version (as of the effective date of this permit) of the Ohio Department of Transportation's "Location and Design Manual, Volume Two Drainage Design" that has been accepted by Ohio EPA as an alternative to the conditions of this permit." Please send a written reply within 10 days of the date of this letter describing how this requirement has been met. Your reply should include the type(s) of practices you are implementing, the basis for their design, and installation dates.

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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Meghan Clement P.E., Interim Chief Engineer