



Environmental  
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
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Re: Hancock County  
Hancock County Landfill Sanitary Sewer Extension  
Construction  
Storm Water

June 3, 2011

Mr. Steve Wilson, P.E., P.S.  
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Mr. Robert Lloyd  
Underground Utilities, Inc.  
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Dear Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lloyd:

On May 17, 2011, Lynette Hablitzel, Brian McGlown and I inspected the Hancock County Landfill Sanitary Sewer Extension on County Road 142 and County Road 107, Allen Township (photo taken). The purpose of our 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. 2GC02587\*AG. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. No one was present at the site during our visit.

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

1. At the time of inspection, there was no construction activity occurring. The new sewer had been installed and trench backfilled, but not graded. A new pump station appeared to have been installed. Approximately four acres of land were disturbed and barren.
2. Due to the lack of a construction trailer and workers, I was unable to review the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) and inspection logs.
3. The stream on the north side of County Road 107 was not properly stabilized and protected. *Permit Requires:* Structural practices shall be implemented to protect adjacent streams. *This is a violation of Part III.G.2.d.v of the permit.* A setback of 25 feet from the ordinary high water mark is recommended to be maintained in its natural state as permanent buffer. The bank of the stream needs to be stabilized. I recommend using a matte medium, which is able to be tacked down to the bank, for seeding. The silt fence also needs repaired.

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4. At this time the site had not yet been stabilized. It was not evident that the site had been inactive for more than 21 days so there is no permit violation. However, from an email between Lynette Hablitzel, Division of Surface Water, Ohio EPA, and Chris Long, Chief Deputy Hancock County Engineer, on May 5, 2011, the site is nearly completed. *Permit Requires:* Permanent stabilization is to be implemented within seven days on any portion of the site that has reached final grade or will be idle for longer than one year. Soil stabilization practices shall be initiated within two days on inactive, barren areas within 50 feet of a stream. Permanent seeding and mulching is required before construction activity is completed throughout the entire site. *Failure to do so is a violation of Part III.G.2.b.i of your permit.*

Inspections such as this one are intended to help us analyze your storm water pollution prevention plan implementation and understand how we can help bring your site into compliance.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (419)373-3036.

Sincerely,



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Division of Surface Water  
Storm Water Program

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