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RE: Huron County
Norwalk Senior Community
Construction
Storm Water

August 11, 2009

Jennifer Baus
Norwalk Senior Community
5309 Transportation Boulevard
Cleveland, Ohio 44125

Dear Ms. Baus:

On June 18, 2009, Lynette Hablitzel and I inspected the Norwalk Senior Community site located off the south side of Stower Lane, south of Longview Drive in Norwalk. 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 (Construction General Permit), Facility ID No. 2GC01686. 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:

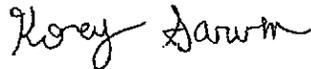
1. At the time of the inspection, the project seemed to be nearing completion. The residential units had their exteriors completed and sidewalks were poured. Some of the units were inhabited as well. Utilities, including storm sewers also appeared to be installed. Ground around the housing units had been seeded and the grass germinated.
2. The banks of the retention pond to the west of the site were not stabilized. Rills, gullies, and weed growth were noted, indicating that the timeframes for applying stabilization have 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. Temporary stabilization is required prior to the onset of winter weather for ground that will be idle over winter. 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. Soil stabilization practices shall be initiated within two (2) 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. 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.* The pond banks must be stabilized.



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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. If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3085.

Sincerely,



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