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RE: Huron County  
RKS Design and Construction  
Construction  
Storm Water

August 12, 2009

Mr. Roger Smith  
RKS Design and Construction  
15 Olde Village Road, Suite A  
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Dear Mr. Smith:

On July 23, 2009, I inspected the RKS Design and Construction project located at 14 Townsend Avenue, 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. 2GC01593. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111.

It appears that construction activities at RKS Design and Construction project are complete. Please be aware that a Notice of Termination (NOT) must be filed to relieve you of the obligation to comply with this general permit, including the obligation of routine inspections. A 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:

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 is permanently stabilized; or
2. For individual lots in a residential construction by either:
  - a. The homebuilder completing final stabilization as specified above or
  - b. The homebuilder establishing temporary stabilization, including perimeter controls for the lot prior to occupation of the home by the homeowner and informing the homeowner of the need for final stabilization; or

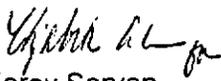
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3. Another operator(s) has assumed control over all areas of the site that have not been fully stabilized;
4. For residential construction only, temporary stabilization has been completed and the lot, which includes a home, has been transferred to the homeowner. (Individual lots without housing which are sold by the developer must undergo final stabilization prior to termination of permit coverage).

At the time of my inspection, it did not appear that your site met all of the above conditions. The construction on site appeared to have been completed. There was a small stockpile to the south of the site that had not been stabilized since the last inspection on June 15, 2007. *Permit Requires:* 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. In addition, disturbed areas in residential subdivisions must be stabilized at least 7 days prior to transfer of permit coverage for the individual lot(s). 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 your permit.* After these issues have been addressed, you will be eligible to submit an NOT application form to Ohio EPA's Central Office. The NOT form can be found on our website: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/storm/stormform.html>. NOTs must be submitted within 45 days of when the above criteria are met

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

Sincerely,



Korey Sarven  
Division of Surface Water

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Josh Snyder, Public Works Director, City of Norwalk