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Re: Putnam County
New Community Park Site
Construction
Storm Water

July 15, 2009

Mr. Alan Gerdeman
Village of Kalida
P.O. Box 485
Kalida, OH 45853

Dear Mr. Gerdeman:

On June 17, 2009, I observed that grubbing and excavating had occurred at the site of the proposed Kalida Community Park, located on the north and south sides of County Road M, Kalida (photos taken). These construction activities have resulted in the disturbance of 1 or more acres of land. Therefore, discharges of storm water from this site must be covered by either the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities (Construction General Permit, or CGP) or an individual NPDES permit.

Please be advised that Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 6111.04 prohibits any person from causing pollution or placing or causing to be placed any other wastes, in a location where they cause pollution of any waters of the State without a valid, unexpired permit issued by the Director of Ohio EPA. Permit applicants are not authorized to discharge until they receive a letter signed by the Director of Ohio EPA, granting them permit coverage. NPDES Construction General Permit coverage (Facility ID No. 2GC02416) for this project was not granted until June 26, 2009. Failure to obtain a construction general permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to ORC Section 6111 and subject you to civil penalties identified in ORC Section 6111.09(A).

For the New Community Park Site

At the time of my visit, a bulldozer was present but inactive. Most of the southern part of the site appeared to have been cleared and some grading had occurred. The northern part of the site also appeared to have had some clearing and grading done. Construction activities for the purpose of determining the need for NPDES permit coverage include all earth disturbing activities. Construction activities include but are not limited to clearing, grading, grubbing, excavating and filling. When evaluating the collective area of earth disturbance, all properties that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale must be considered.

In addition, there were no sediment controls in place on the property. Structural controls, including but not limited to: sediment settling ponds, silt fence, and inlet protection, were not in place to address all runoff from the site.

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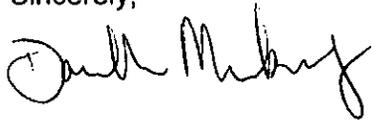
These would be violations of the Construction General Permit. *Permit Requires:* Structural controls shall be used on all sites remaining disturbed for more than 14 days. Sheet flow from denuded areas shall be intercepted by sediment barriers. Flows which exceed the design capacity of sediment barriers shall pass through a sediment settling pond. Controls practices shall prevent sediment laden water from entering storm drain systems and shall protect adjacent streams. *See Parts III.G.2.d. of the permit.*

I recommend installing a system of one or more diversion berms/trenches directed to sediment settling ponds. Please see Part III G.2.d.ii for the pond's design requirements to intercept runoff from the site. I also recommend installing inlet protection on any catch basins.

Also, proper construction entrances were not in place. There appeared to be an access drive on the south side of County Road M where the bulldozer was sitting, however it did not provide a stable access point capable of preventing sediment tracking. I observed tracking from this entrance onto the roadway. There also appeared to be another construction entrance on the north side of county Road M where the site's sign was posted. A stable stone construction entrance is required where vehicles access the site. The design of the construction entrance used to meet the conditions of this permit should meet the standards and specifications of the current edition of Ohio's *Rainwater and Land Development Manual* (ODNR) or other standards acceptable to Ohio EPA. This would be a violation of the Construction General Permit. *See Part III.G.2.g.ii. of the permit.*

If you should have any further questions, please contact me at 419-373-3006.

Sincerely,



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