

**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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April 21, 2011

RE: LORAIN COUNTY
COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL STORM WATER PROGRAM
NPDES PERMIT #3GQ00107*BG

Mr. Michael Musto, Trustee
Columbia Township
25496 Royalton Road
Columbia Station, OH 44028

Dear Mr. Musto:

On April 19, 2011, Ohio EPA received what you indicated was your Annual Report for the above referenced National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). Please be aware that your submittal does not meet the minimum requirements of Part III.C of the NPDES permit.

The NPDES permit requires Columbia Township to submit an annual report using the Annual Report Form provided by Ohio EPA and located at www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/stormform.aspx under the heading **Small MS4 Annual Report Form**. I have also enclosed a hard copy of this form with this letter. You may also request approval to use your own reporting format, however, this request should have been made prior to April 1st. If in the future you wish to seek approval to use an alternative reporting format, please note that, regardless of reporting format, the Annual Report must include the following information:

- A Table of Organization for program development and implementation, including primary points of contact;
- The status of your compliance with the NPDES permit conditions and performance standards, an assessment of the appropriateness of the identified best management practices (BMPs), progress toward achieving the statutory goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP), and the measurable goals for each of the minimum control measures. The report shall also include a summary of the specific annual reporting requirements identified for each minimum control measure in Part III.B.1.d, Part III.B.2.d, Part III.B.3.k, Part III.B.4.d, Part III.B.5.g and Part III.B.6.f of the NPDES permit;

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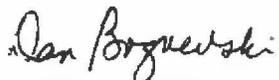
- Results of information collected and analyzed, if any, during the reporting period, including monitoring data used to assess the success of the program at reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP;
- A summary of storm water activities you plan to undertake during the next reporting cycle (including an implementation schedule);
- Proposed changes to the Storm Water Management Program (SWMP), including changes to any BMPs or any identified measurable goals that apply to the program elements; and
- Identify and summarize any variances granted under your storm water program regulations and requirements.

I would recommend that you simply use the provided Annual Report Form. You may need to contact the Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District or the Lorain County Engineer's Office to obtain certain information required for the form. If a particular item does not apply to you or a particular BMP was not implemented in your jurisdiction, please indicate that in the appropriate part of the Annual Report Form.

Please complete the Annual Report Form and resubmit your annual report to me **no later than May 20, 2011**.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (330) 963-1145.

Sincerely,



Dan Bogoevski
District Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Nancy Funni, Lorain SWCD
Bill Holtzman, Lorain County Engineer's Office

ec: Jason Fyffe, Storm Water Program Supervisor, Ohio EPA, CO, DSW