

**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

September 6, 2011

Re: Gallia County  
Washington Elementary School  
Storm Water Construction Activity  
Notice of Violation  
0GC01284\*AG

Mr. Jack Payton  
Gallipolis City School District  
61 State Street  
Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

Dear Mr. Payton:

On July 13, 2011, I visited the Washington Elementary School site on 4th Avenue in Gallipolis. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the compliance of this site with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for discharges of storm water associated with construction activity. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. The following areas need to be addressed:

1. Part III.G.2.b. of the permit states:

**TABLE 1: PERMANENT STABILIZATION**

Area requiring permanent stabilization	Time frame to apply erosion controls
Any areas that will lie dormant for one year or more	Within seven days of the most recent disturbance
Any areas within 50 feet of a surface water of the State and at final grade	Within two days of reaching final grade
Any other areas at final grade	Within seven days of reaching final grade within that area

**TABLE 2 – TEMPORARY STABILIZATION**

Area requiring temporary stabilization	Time frame to apply erosion controls
Any disturbed areas within 50 feet of a surface water of the State and not at final grade	Within two days of the most recent disturbance if the area will remain idle for more than 21 days
For all construction activities, any disturbed areas that will be dormant for more than 21 days but less than one year, and not within 50 feet of a surface water of the State	Within seven days of the most recent disturbance within the area  For residential subdivisions, disturbed areas must be stabilized at least seven days prior to transfer of permit coverage for the individual lot(s).
Disturbed areas that will be idle over winter	Prior to the onset of winter weather

Where vegetative stabilization techniques may cause structural instability or are otherwise unobtainable, alternative stabilization techniques must be employed.

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**The hillside at the back of the site is not fully stabilized. A wetland conservation area at the base of the slope is being directly impacted by the sediment carried by the storm water runoff. All impacts to the wetland must cease. Please fully stabilize this hillside with proper sediment controls immediately.**

2. Part III.G.2.h of the permit states that all sediment control practices must be maintained and repaired until the entire up slope area of the development has been stabilized. According to Part III.G.2.i. of the permit, controls must be inspected once every seven calendar days and within 24 hours after any storm event greater than one half an inch in 24 hours. Repairs must be accomplished within three days of the inspection, except in the case of sediment ponds, which must be repaired within 10 days. In accordance with Part III.G.2.d.vi., if inspections or other information indicates that a control is not functioning or ineffectual, then the permittee must replace or modify the control.

**The silt fencing at the rear of the property has been broken down by erosive flows and needs repaired or replaced immediately.**

Sediment and erosion controls for your site must meet the guidelines and design criteria set forth in the above mentioned *Rainwater and Land Development* manual. A copy of this manual may be obtained by contacting the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, at (614) 265-6610.

Violators of ORC 6111 may be fined up to \$10,000 per day of violation. In addition, federal law allows for third party lawsuits for failure to comply with terms and conditions of NPDES permits.

Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter, please submit to me at this office a *written notification as to actions taken or proposed to eliminate violations of the permit.* Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for the completion of the actions. If you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5447 or Aaron Wolfe at (740) 380-5277.

Sincerely,



L.J. Parkins  
Storm Water Section  
Division of Surface Water

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