



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
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August 12, 2011

**Re: Perry County
City Gate Residential
Storm Water Construction Activity
Notice of Violation
0GC00339*AG**

Mr. Chuck Owen
Perry County Industrial Development Co. Ltd.
5115 Tile Plant Road
New Lexington, Ohio 43764

Dear Mr. Owen:

On July 7, 2011, I visited your site on Commerce Drive in New Lexington. 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. 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. The following areas need to be addressed:

Permit Coverage:

1. Part III.G.2.b.i (Table 1) of the permit requires that permanent stabilization be applied to areas at final grade within 7 days of the last disturbance. Permanent stabilization is defined as the establishment of permanent vegetative cover, decorative landscape mulching, matting, sod, rip rap and landscaping techniques to provide permanent erosion control.

Part III.G.2.b.i. (Table 2) of the permit requires that any area that will lie dormant for more than 21 days, but less than a year be stabilized within 7 days of the most recent disturbance.

On the date of the inspection, there were several areas, including new home sites in need of temporary stabilization. Apply seed and straw to these areas immediately. In addition, much of the site along T-497 is highly eroded and may be adversely affecting a wetland area. Install silt fencing along this area to help treat the erosive flows from this part of the property until the ground is stabilized.

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.

As a reminder, since the site referenced above is a subdivision, it is required that NPDES permit coverage is transferred to the new owner of each lot sold. This process is outlined below:

Part I.D. of the permit states that if an operator obtains a permit for a development, and then the operator (permittee) sells off lots or parcels within that development, permit coverage must be continued on those lots until a Notice of Termination (NOT) in accordance with Part IV.B is submitted. For developments which require the use of centralized sediment and erosion controls for which the conveyance of permit coverage will jeopardize compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit, the permittee will be required to maintain responsibility for the implementation of those controls. For developments where this is not the case, it is the permittee's responsibility to temporarily stabilize all lots sold to individual lot owners. In cases where permit coverage for individual lot(s) will be conveyed, the permittee shall inform, in writing, the individual lot owner of the obligations under this permit and ensure that the Individual Lot NOI application is submitted to Ohio EPA.

According to Part II. A. of the permit, the buyer (operator) of a lot in a subdivided development covered by this NPDES permit must submit an individual lot NOI seven days prior to the date that the operator intends to accept responsibility for the lot. The original permittee may submit an individual lot Notice of Termination at the same time; however, transfer of coverage is not granted until a letter of approval from the Ohio EPA is received by the applicant. Once approval is received the operator assumes

responsibility for the conditions of this permit and the original SWP3. It is the permittee's responsibility to inform the individual lot owner of the obligations of the permit.

According to Part V. L. of the permit, Ohio EPA must be notified in writing sixty days prior to the transfer of coverage under the NPDES general permit. It is the transferee's responsibility to inform the Ohio EPA that coverage is being transferred.

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.

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) 380-5418 or Aaron Wolfe at (740) 380-5277.

Sincerely,



Chris Stephan
Storm Water Section
Division of Surface Water

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