



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: **Notice of Violation**
Van Wert County
Van Wert Elementary School
Construction
Stormwater

March 2, 2012

Mr. Ken Amstutz
Van Wert City School Board of Education
205 West Crawford Street
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Dear Mr. Amstutz:

On February 17, 2012, I inspected the Van Wert City Elementary School site at 10992 State Route 118 South, Van Wert, Van Wert County. 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 [also known as the Construction General Permit (CGP)], Facility ID #2GC02900*AG. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111.

As a result of the inspection, I have the following comments/observations:

1. At the time of the inspection, the building was erected and storm water drainage was being installed.
2. At the time of the inspection, the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) was available for review. The SWP3 shown appeared incomplete. The minimum of what is required to be in the SWP3 can be found in Part III.G of the CGP.
3. Inspection logs were also viewed and did not appear to be thorough. The minimum that an inspection report should include can be found in Part III.G.2 of the CGP.
4. There is construction litter and debris around the site. *This is a violation of Part III.G.2.g, which requires a best management practice for the control of non-sediment pollution that includes construction debris and solid waste.*

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5. I had received a complaint of an excessive amount of dirt tracked onto State Route 118 the previous week. There is some tracking of sediment onto State Route 118 the day of the inspection. I understand that State Route 118 is swept twice a day. The CGP requires that off-site vehicle tracking of sediments shall be minimized. When I drove off the site, I left a track of mud on State Route 118. The construction entrance has little stone left on the surface and the entrance was mainly mud. *This is a violation of Part III.G.2.g of the CGP.*
6. The entire site was exposed dirt and with the recent precipitation events and warmer than normal weather, the majority of the site was mud. Please be aware that the CGP requires that any area that is left undisturbed for more than 21 days needs to be stabilized. This includes the banks of the storm pond that is showing signs of erosion and dirt stockpiles. *This is a violation of part III.G.2.b. of the CGP.*
7. While most of the silt fence was standing, there are several areas around the site where the silt fence had been knocked down by equipment or dirt and had not been reinstalled. *This is a violation of Part. V.N of the CGP.*

Within 15 days of the date on this letter, please submit to this office **written notification** of the actions taken or proposed to prevent any future violations. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for the completion of the actions. Please also include a copy of your complete SWP3 for both during construction and post construction.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3016 or by e-mail at patricia.tebbe@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Tebbe, P.E.
Division of Surface Water

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