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Jim Carlson
Menard Inc.
5101 Menard Dr.
Eau Claire, WI 54703

**Re: Storm Water Inspection at Menards-Columbus / Franklin County
Permit Number: 4GC03513*AG**

Dear Mr. Carlson:

This letter is written in follow up to a construction storm water inspection I conducted at Menards-Columbus located at 6800 E. Broad Street in Columbus, Ohio on March 14, 2012. The Agency understands these construction activities are currently covered under the General Storm Water Permit Associated with Construction Activities. Based on the site inspection and the General Storm Water Permit, the following items must be addressed:

Sediment and Erosion Controls

- The inspection was prompted in follow up to the Notice of Violation issued by the city of Columbus regarding improper dewatering activities. It has been my contention the lack of proper grade control has resulted in increased pumping activities. The basin intended for sediment control is not receiving positive drainage from the site resulting in increased ponding and associated pumping.
- The centralized sediment basin is installed. The sediment basin is currently isolated and not receiving drainage from the site. I understand the contractor is utilizing pumps to direct surface water from low lying areas into this basin intended for sediment control. Please implement corrective measures to ensure storm water from the site is routed to the basin via natural run-off conditions. Continued pumping is not recognized as an acceptable long term measures.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the inspection, please do not hesitate to call me at our Central District Office at (614) 728-3844 or email at harry.kallipolitis@epa.state.oh.us. In addition, please provide a written response (**email preferred**) to the action items addressed above within ten days from receipt of this letter. A follow up inspection will be conducted to ensure the minimum conditions of the General Permit have been met.

Sincerely,

Harry Kallipolitis
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