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March 23, 2012

Robert Ellinger  
City of Columbus  
Sewage and Drainage Division  
1250 Fairwood Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43206

**Re: Sewer Maintenance Operations Center, Franklin County  
Industrial Storm Water Permit 4GR00424\*DG**

Dear Mr. Ellinger:

This letter is written in regard to an industrial storm water inspection that I conducted on March 20, 2012, at the Sewer Maintenance Operations Center, located at 1250 Fairwood Avenue, in Columbus, Ohio. The inspection was conducted in order to determine compliance with your industrial storm water general permit. Overall, the facility was well kept and in compliance with its general permit. All of my questions were answered promptly and thoroughly. The following items were noted during the inspection:

You had a storm water pollution prevention plan (SWP3) and spill prevention control and countermeasure plan (SPCC) for the facility. The plans should be reviewed annually or after a change in management.

All loading/unloading areas had collection and containment for storm water run-off and some areas were covered. Storm water could be contained in the trench drains via a gate valve. Spill kits were located near loading/unloading areas.

The fueling island was covered. The underground storage tanks had containment for a spill during filling. There were valves on the storm water drains near the contained area which were kept closed during the filling of the tanks. There was an above ground dual-walled fuel tank. Spill kits were located nearby.

Salt and sand were stored inside an enclosed build with door. Most of the vehicles were kept under roof. Car washing activities were conducted under roof with a drain to the sanitary sewer.

A pad for sorting debris was located in the rear of the property. The pad had a drain which discharged to the sanitary sewer.

A notice of termination was submitted for this industrial storm water general permit. The industrial storm water general permit can be terminated because the City has a MS4 permit. Only a SWP3 is needed to for the site if you have a MS4 permit. A separate industrial storm water permit is not needed for the facility. As stated above, the City should review the SWP3 annually or whenever there is a change in management.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter or my inspection, please do not hesitate to contact me at our Central District Office at 614-728-3851.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Sanders', written in a cursive style.

Gregory L. Sanders  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Surface Water  
Central District Office

c: Tim Noble, City of Columbus

ec: Greg Sanders, DSW/CDO

GS/nsm Sewer Maintenance Operations Center, March 20, 2012