



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor

Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor

Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Crawford County
Berry Mission Farm
Construction
Storm Water

April 18, 2012

Mr. Patrick Hord
Hord Family Farms Inc.
2742 Shearer Road
Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

Dear Mr. Hord:

On April 3, 2012, Michelle Sharp and I inspected Berry Mission Farm at 3001 Brokensword Road, Holmes Township. 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, Facility ID No. 2 GC03036. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. No one was present onsite at the time of the visit. Ohio EPA has no record of other permittees for this project.

At the time of the inspection, the site was inactive. A barn appeared to be complete and occupied. The surrounding soil had not been stabilized.

Permit Requires: Portions of the construction site that will be inactive for more than 21 days must have temporary stabilization initiated within the first seven. Temporary stabilization is required prior to the onset of winter weather for ground that will be idle over winter. Permanent stabilization is required within seven days on any portion of the site that has reached final grade or will be idle for longer than one year. Soil stabilization practices shall be initiated within two days on inactive, barren areas within 50 feet of a surface water. If seasonal conditions prohibit the establishment of vegetative cover, other means, such as mulching and matting, must still be used and maintained until more permanent methods can be implemented. *Please see Part III.G.2.b.i. of the permit.*

At a minimum, I recommend permanent seeding followed by a cover of mulch (two tons/acre). It is important to note that some type of immediate cover must accompany any seeding method to minimize sediment loss until a sufficient cover of vegetation has been established to prevent erosion.

Within 10 days of the date on this letter, please submit to this office **written notification** as to 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. If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3009.

Sincerely,

Lynette M. Hablitzel, P.E.
Division of Surface Water
Storm Water Program

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