



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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May 11, 2012

RE: LORAIN COUNTY
CITY OF AMHERST
NOTIFICATION OF MUNICIPAL STORM
WATER PROGRAM INSPECTION

Ron Merthe
Superintendent of Utilities
City of Amherst
480 Park Ave.
Amherst, OH 44001

Dear Mr. Merthe:

This letter will serve as notice that Ohio EPA will be conducting an inspection of your community's Storm Water Management Program (SWMP). This inspection is being conducted to determine compliance with the Ohio EPA General Storm Water NPDES Permit for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Small MS4s) #3GQ00040*BG.

Our inspection will focus on compliance with minimum control measure #6: Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations. We will be using the audit guidance manual developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. We anticipate that the inspection can be conducted in one day. This letter will confirm that we will conduct the inspection on May 21, 2012 at 9:00am.

To streamline the inspection, please have the following resources ready and available on the date of the inspection:

- Map of the MS4 system or outfalls;
- An inventory of municipal facilities and operations, i.e., composting yards, vehicle maintenance facilities, bus terminals, impound lots and waste transfer stations, if applicable, and the storm water pollution prevention plan (SWP3) developed for these facilities;
- Contracts with any third party service providers that assist you in implementing your pollution prevention and good housekeeping programs;
- Guidance documents or BMP manuals used for your pollution prevention and good housekeeping program;
- Training records, i.e., the agenda and attendance record of any training your staff has attended regarding pollution prevention for municipal operations;
- List of active municipal construction projects, e.g., road projects;
- The checklist used to inspect your municipal maintenance facility;
- Street sweeping records, if performed;
- Deicer application records, including a description of the materials used for deicing operations;

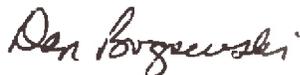
- Inventory of flood management structures in your community which you maintain; and
- Fertilizer and pesticide application plan.

Please make summaries or copies of this information that Ohio EPA can take for our files.

The inspection will consist of an interview followed by field inspections of your municipal operations including your maintenance facility (or facilities, as appropriate), facilities where vehicle maintenance, composting activities, vehicle impoundment and waste management activities occur, **and** any facility which requires an NPDES permit for industrial storm water discharges. Please have the appropriate persons available to answer the interview questions and questions that arise during field inspections. I anticipate the interview will take no more than three hours to complete and will leave it to your discretion to schedule the field inspections. It should take no more than two hours to inspect each facility.

I look forward to working with you to perform the inspection. Please contact me to confirm the inspection date or to schedule a new date if necessary. You can contact me at (330) 963-1145 or via e-mail at dan.bogoevski@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,



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District Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Mark Costilow, Safety/Service Director, City of Amherst
David Taylor, Mayor, City of Amherst