



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: **Notice of Violation**
Putnam County
Catalpa Grove Subdivision
Construction
Storm Water

June 27, 2012

Mr. Greg Bockrath
Jordan Pingle
201 ½ Eakin Street
Columbus Grove, Ohio 45830

Dear Mr. Bockrath:

On June 5, 2012, Bernard Weik and I inspected the Catalpa Grove Subdivision, located northeast of County Road Z and Township Road 11 in Columbus Grove, Ohio (photos taken). The purpose of our 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 No. 2CG02869*AG. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. No one was present to provide information on the project.

Ohio EPA has not received a Co-Permittee Notice of Intent (NOI) application for this project. This form is used by construction site operators, as defined in Part VII.O. of the Construction General Permit, to become co-permittees with the initial permittee of a construction site. Please note that Part II.A of the Construction General Permit (CGP) **requires all operators at a construction site to become co-permittees**. Copies of the Co-Permittee NOI may be downloaded from our website at <http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/stormform.aspx>.

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

1. At the time of the inspection, construction was inactive. The road had been installed and had its final course of asphalt, curb inlets were in place, and it appeared that grading had taken place. There was one idle earth moving machine. Approximately 3.5 acres were disturbed and barren. Due to the absence of personnel or a construction trailer, the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWP3) and inspection logs were not available for review.
2. Storm sewer inlet protection had not been installed and there was no evidence of a sediment settling pond.

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Permit Requires: Practices shall minimize sediment laden water from entering active storm drain systems unless they drain into a sediment settling pond. *This is a violation of Part III.G.2. of the permit.* I recommend proper inlet protection be installed.

3. All or temporary stabilization has not been established. The presence of weeds and weathered soil indicates the timeframe for stabilization may have been exceeded.

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 of 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 stream. In addition, disturbed areas in residential subdivisions must be stabilized at least seven days prior to transfer of permit coverage for the individual lot(s). Permanent seeding and mulching is required before construction activity is completed throughout the entire site. If seasonal conditions prohibit the establishment of a vegetative cover, other means, such as mulching and matting, must still be used and maintained until more permanent methods can be implemented. *This is a violation of Part III.G.2.b.i. of your permit.* I recommend that all inactive, unstable areas and any areas where prior seeding efforts have failed be mulched until the fall, when conditions are more favorable for permanent seeding.

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. Please describe how the post construction storm water management requirements will be met for this project. Your reply should include the type(s) of practices you are implementing and the basis for their design. If there are any questions, please contact me at (419) 373-3025.

Sincerely,



Jessica Heitman
Division of Surface Water
Storm Water Program

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cc: Jeff Vance, Village Administrator
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