



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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July 5, 2012

RE: CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
CITY OF CLEVELAND  
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY-  
NORTH CAMPUS DEVELOP  
CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER  
PERMIT NO: 3GC05695

Mr. Ed Schmittgen  
Cleveland State University  
2121 Euclid Avenue, PS 218  
Cleveland, OH 44115

Mr. Rob McAteer  
Independence Excavating  
5720 Schaaf Road  
Independence, OH 44131

Dear Mr. Brown and Mr. Cicen:

On June 20, 2012, I performed a compliance inspection for storm water best management practices (BMPs) at the above referenced site. While on site, I met with the following representatives of Corna Kokosing Construction Co.: Sam Ferrell, Superintendent of the site, Doug Detchie, Superintendent of the site, and Josh Decker, Project Engineer. Our records indicate that Cleveland State University has obtained coverage under the Ohio EPA General Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Construction Activities #3GC05695\*AG.

Lisa Vavro from the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has informed me that you are currently filling a Notice of Termination (NOT). NPDES permit coverage is being terminated because all runoff from this site discharges into a combined sewer. A NPDES permit for storm water discharges associated with construction activity is only required for discharges to municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) or those direct to the environment. However, please be aware that the City of Cleveland's municipal storm water program requires that BMPs still be implemented on your construction site. As such, the following are suggestions for better BMP implementation:

1. Soil should be kept on your site. A filter sock or other perimeter sediment control is suggested along sections of pavement near offsite catch basins.
2. This silt fence along the perimeter of the site should be maintained to avoid soils from running into the streets.
3. Clean up the dirt on sidewalk.
4. The concrete washout pit has a few holes. Consider replacing this liner. Also, the concrete was missing the pit when being dumped. Ensure all the concrete is making it into the pit at the time of washout.

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Please provide me with a copy of the NOT once it is submitted. Continue to comply with the directives provided to you by Cuyahoga SWCD and the City of Cleveland Department of Building and Housing to ensure compliance with the local storm water program.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (330) 963-1125 or by e-mail at [Katie.Bowman@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:Katie.Bowman@epa.state.oh.us)

Sincerely,



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Assistant to the District Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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cc: Sam Ferrell, Superintendent, Corna Kokosing Construction Co.  
David Cooper, Department of Building and Housing, City of Cleveland  
Lisa Vavro, Cuyahoga SWCD  
Frank G. Jackson, Mayor, City of Cleveland

Attachments: Photos

**INSPECTION PHOTOS**

**Cleveland State University – North Campus Develop**



**Figures 1 & 2:** Offsite catch basins that have sediment running into them.



**Figure 5:** Location where a filter sock is needed  
**Figure 6:** Silt fence along Chester in disrepair



**Figure 7:** Sidewalk covered in dirt  
**Figure 8:** Concrete washout pit full with holes and concrete missing the pit