



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Fulton County
Northwest Sewer Separation Phase I
Construction
Storm Water

July 18, 2012

Mr. Jon Gochenour
Village of Swanton
219 Chestnut Street
Swanton, Ohio 43558

Ms. Carolyn Nowakowski
Hanks Plumbing & Heating Company Inc.
2000 The Bluffs
Toledo, Ohio 43615

Dear Mr. Gochenour and Ms. Nowakowski:

On June 27, 2012, Bernard Weik and I inspected Northwest Sewer Separation Phase I, Swanton (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 ID No. 2GC02848*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 onsite at the time of our visit.

It appeared that the site 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 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 are required before construction activity is completed throughout the entire site. 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. *Failure to do so is a violation of Part III.G.2.b.i. of your permit.*

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A Notice of Termination (NOT) must be filed to relieve you of the obligation to comply with this general permit. An NOT may be filed if one or more of the following conditions have been met:

- Final stabilization has been established on all areas of the site for which the permittee is responsible. Final stabilization means that all soil disturbing activities at the site are complete and a uniform perennial vegetative cover of at least 70% density has been established over the entire site. All temporary erosion and sediment control measures have been removed, properly disposed of, and all trapped sediment has been permanently stabilized; or
- Another operator(s) has assumed control over all areas of the site that have not been fully stabilized.

Your site does not yet appear to meet all of the conditions mentioned above. Once a 70% density of perennial vegetation has been reached on all disturbed ground, you may remove any temporary sediment controls and file the NOT form. The NOT form and instructions can be found on our website: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/stormform.aspx>. NOTs must be mailed to Ohio EPA's Central Office within 45 days of when the above criteria are met.

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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