



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Ashland County  
Malabar Farm State Park  
NPDES permit # 2GU00072

July 27, 2012

Mrs. Beth Pratt, P.E.  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
2045 Morse Road, Bldg. F-3  
Columbus, Ohio 43229

Dear Mrs. Pratt:

On July 24, 2012, an inspection was made of the petroleum corrective actions groundwater remediation operation located at Malabar Farm State Park, 4050 Bromfield Rd, Lucas, Richland County. Mr. Kevin Svitana and Mr. Jonathan Zanders of Stone Environmental were present during the inspection to provide access and answer questions regarding the operations.

At the time of the inspection, the ground water treatment system appeared to be operating in a satisfactory manner. All of the equipment was operational. The air stripper system runs continuously and the pump in the ground water extraction well runs several times each hour as water collects in the sump. No concerns with the treatment system were noted.

A review of the discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) submitted to our office for the months of April through June 2012 revealed two exceedances of the limits in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. These were for exceeding the concentration limits for Lead and Xylene in the April 2012 sample. Mr. Sanders indicated during the inspection that these reported results were not entirely accurate, and that after checking with the sampling laboratory, the correct values were within the permit limits. I followed up via phone with Mr. Zanders on July 25, 2012, and he indicated that he would amend the DMR with the correct information.

The review also revealed a possible problem with the way the sampling results are being reported. Please be aware that the permit contains language pertaining to the appropriate quantification levels for the sampling methods. If the results of the sampling are below the appropriate quantification levels, the code "AA" should be entered in the DMR with the quantification level included in the notes section. Please refer to Page 11, Part IV, Paragraph F of the NPDES permit for this permit language.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 419-373-3070.

Sincerely,

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