



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor

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August 7, 2012

Re: Belmont County
Murray Energy Corporate HQ
Storm Water Construction Activity
Notice of Violation
Permit OGC01589*AG

Mr. Brett Holegel
American Coal Sales Co.
153 Highway 7 South
Powhatan Point, Ohio 43942

Dear Mr. Holegel:

On July, 18, 2012, I visited your site on National Road. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the compliance of this site with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for discharges of stormwater associated with construction activity. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111. I have the following comments:

Permit Coverage:

1. Part III.G.2.d.ii of the permit requires a sediment settling pond is required for any one of the following conditions:
 - Concentrated storm water runoff (e.g., storm sewer or ditch);
 - Runoff from drainage areas, which exceed the design capacity of silt fence or other sediment barriers;
 - Runoff from drainage areas that exceed the design capacity of inlet protection; or
 - Runoff from common drainage locations with 10 or more acres of disturbed land.

The permittee may request approval from Ohio EPA to use alternative controls if the permittee can demonstrate the alternative controls are equivalent in effectiveness to a sediment settling pond.

The sediment settling pond volume consists of both a dewatering zone and a sediment storage zone. The volume of the dewatering zone shall be a minimum of 1800 cubic feet (ft³) per acre of drainage (67 yd³/acre) with a minimum 48-hour drain time for sediment basins serving a drainage area over 5 acres. The

volume of the sediment storage zone shall be calculated by one of the following methods: Method 1: The volume of the sediment storage zone shall be 1000 ft³ per disturbed acre within the watershed of the basin. OR Method 2: The volume of the sediment storage zone shall be the volume necessary to store the sediment as calculated with RUSLE or a similar generally accepted erosion prediction model. The accumulated sediment shall be removed from the sediment storage zone once it's full. When determining the total contributing drainage area, off-site areas and areas which remain undisturbed by construction activity must be included unless runoff from these areas is diverted away from the sediment settling pond and is not co-mingled with sediment-laden runoff. The depth of the dewatering zone must be less than or equal to five feet. The configuration between inlets and the outlet of the basin must provide at least two units of length for each one unit of width (> 2:1 length: width ratio), however, a length to width ratio of 4:1 is recommended. When designing sediment settling ponds, the permittee must consider public safety, especially as it relates to children, as a design factor for the sediment basin and alternative sediment controls must be used where site limitations would preclude a safe design. The use of a combination of sediment and erosion control measures in order to achieve maximum pollutant removal is encouraged.

At the time of inspection the small sediment pond on the west side of the site appeared to be undersized. We recommend that you dredge the pond and cut a berm to channel flow coming off the backside of the slope into the pond and prevent any bypass of the sediment pond.

2. Part III.G.2.d.iii of the permit requires silt fence to be installed on a level contour. Silt fence should be utilized in accordance with the specification of the *Rainwater and Land Development* manual.

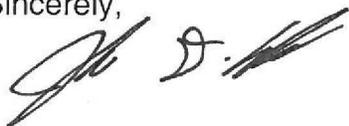
At the time of inspection a small area near US 40 between two utility poles was observed to slope toward a drainage ditch without any sediment control measures. We recommend installing a silt fence along the roadside ditch to prevent sediment laden runoff from entering the ditch.

Sediment and erosion controls for your site must meet the guidelines and design criteria set forth in the above mentioned *Rainwater and Land Development* manual. A copy of this manual may be obtained by contacting the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, at (614) 265-6610.

Violators of ORC 6111 may be fined up to \$10,000 per day of violation. In addition, federal law allows for third party lawsuits for failure to comply with your NPDES permit.

Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter, please submit to me at this office a written notification as to actions taken or proposed to eliminate violations of the permit. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for the completion of the actions. If you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5277.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Cook', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joe Cook
Storm Water Section
Division of Surface Water

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