



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Sandusky County
Curwood Inc.
Industrial Storm Water

August 28, 2012

Mr. William Kraut
Operations Manager
Curwood, Inc.
730 Industrial Drive
Fremont, Ohio 43420

Dear Mr. Kraut:

On August 16, 2012, a storm water compliance inspection was made of Curwood Inc. in the City of Fremont, Sandusky County, to determine compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity (IGP) issued to Curwood Inc. The inspection consisted of a tour of the grounds outside of this facility and a review of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3). Also present during the inspection from Curwood were Ryan Richter and John Kluding, with Heidi Becker and Tom Roland tied in by phone

Curwood Inc. is a plastics company that manufactures food packaging from plastic pellets as is regulated under sector Y in the IGP.

Observations of the inspection included a metal scrap dumpster, empty drums stored outside that are to be recycled, and truck bays go to an area storm water pond. Plastic pellets were being unloaded from a rail car during the inspection. Buckets are used to collect plastic pellets during the opening and closing of the hose connections to rail cars and bulk tanker trucks. No spillage of plastic pellets was observed on the ground during the inspection.

A review of the SWP3 shows that it needs to be updated and recertified, and that quarterly inspections were not being done. Quarterly inspections, which include a visual inspection of the discharge of storm water, are to be documented and kept with the SWP3.

If you have any questions, you may contact me by e-mail at patricia.tebbe@epa.state.oh.us or by phone at (419) 373-3016.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Tebbe, P.E.
Division of Surface Water

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