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August 24, 2012

Mike Winchell  
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Columbus, OH 43219

Re: **Cherry Landing / Franklin County**

Dear Mr. Winchell:

This letter is written in follow-up to a construction storm water inspection that I conducted on August 17, 2012, at Cherry Landing, located in Canal Winchester. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate compliance with the General Storm Water Permit Associated with Construction Activities. There were numerous new homes under construction during my site inspection. During the inspection, I noted the following:

#### **Sediment and Erosion Controls**

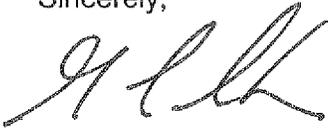
- Most of the active home sites had straw wattles along the front of the site. However, there was one active home site that needed to have the straw wattles extended further along the perimeter of the site to prevent sediment from discharging on to the street. Please see attached pictures.
- Please be aware the General Permit states that all barren areas which remain idle in excess of 21 days must be protected from erosion within seven days of the last earth disturbing activities. In addition, erosion protection must be implemented for all areas of final grade within seven (7) days.
- The General Permit requires the permittee to conduct inspections of all sediment and erosion controls every seven days or within 24 hours of a rain event equal to or greater than 0.5 inches.
- If any portion of the construction site or lot was sold and the erosion control responsibility was transferred to the new owner of the lot, then an individual lot notice of intent must be submitted to the Agency. This application may be obtained at the following weblink:  
<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/storm/stormform.aspx>.
- Your contractors will need to complete and submit a construction storm water co-permittee notice of intent application. This application may be obtained at the following weblink: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/storm/stormform.aspx>. Your contractors are considered an operator per the construction permit. "Operator" means any party associated with a construction project that meets either of the following two criteria:

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1. The party has operational control over construction plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications; or
2. The party has day-to-day operational control of those activities at a project which are necessary to ensure compliance with an SWP3 for the site or other permit conditions (e.g., they are authorized to direct workers at a site to carry out activities required by the SWP3 or comply with other permit conditions). As set forth in Part II.A, there can be more than one operator at a site and under these circumstances, the operators shall be co-permittees.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the inspection, please do not hesitate to contact me at our Central District Office at (614) 728-3851.

Sincerely,



Gregory L. Sanders  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Surface Water  
Central District Office

cc: Bills Simms, Canal Winchester Zoning department

ec: Greg Sanders, DSW/CDO

GS/nm Cherry Landing, August 17, 2012

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