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Kenneth Fude
Director of Operations
Birchwood Foods
1821 Dividend Drive
Columbus, OH 43228

**Re: Construction Storm Water Inspection at Birchwood Foods / Franklin County
Permit Number: 4GR00420*EG**

Dear Mr. Fude:

This letter is written regarding our joint industrial storm water inspection we conducted at Birchwood Foods on May 28, 2013. The inspection was prompted via concern submitted by the city of Columbus regarding the potential of sloppy operations associated with your loading and unloading process. During the inspection I noted the following:

- The loading and unloading areas associated with this project are contained. The storm drain noted in the initial submission by the city of Columbus is closed at all times. This greatly reduces the potential of offsite contamination into the adjacent stream. I noted you were testing the plug which seals off the storm drain at the time of my inspection. You further indicated the line is periodically cleaned with disposal to pre-treatment.
- According to your operations manager, plugs are maintained at various outfalls at all times and rarely opened as evaporation addresses the majority of all storm water collected within the system. In order to reduce your liability, I would strongly suggest the establishment of an inspection log which would address the dates where the plugs were opened or release. The inspection log should include an evaluation of the discharge to determine the presence of any pollutants.
- I noted that the loading and unloading pads are completely contained with outfalls directed to pre-treatment.

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- At this time, I do not feel a roof is necessary as it appears the current best management practices (BMP) are enough to minimize offsite releases. A roof can always be considered as a future BMP in the event of system failure associated with plugs at this site. Please be aware in the event the storm water system upstream of the outfall plugs are cleaned, collection and proper disposal of the collected water is necessary.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the inspection, please do not hesitate to contact me at our Central District Office at 614-728-3844 or email at harry.kallipolitis@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



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c. Scott Shields, City of Columbus

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