



John R. Kasich, Governor
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July 2, 2013

Mr. Yoshito Tokui
Yamada North America, Inc.
9000 Columbus-Cincinnati Road
South Charleston, OH 45368

**RE: Yamada North America Inc.; NPDES Permit #1GC04212*AG;
Compliance Inspection Findings**

Dear Mr. Tokui:

On Monday, July 1, 2013, I inspected the Yamada construction site in South Charleston, Ohio to determine compliance with the site's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) construction site storm water discharge permit. No one was present during the inspection.

Based on my observations, there were no obvious violations of the project's storm water discharge permit. I did not review the sediment control inspections logs or the site's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan before my inspection.

I saw that seed and straw has been applied to stabilize the barren soil near the new parking lot. However, this attempt to establish grass on this soil has failed due to unfavorable growing conditions. I recommend re-seeding in some areas so that grass can become established. When re-seeding this area, I suggest watering the grass regularly to enhance its growth. The soil on a construction site must be 70% stabilized before the Notice of Intent (NOI) applicant can submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) for the NPDES general construction permit.

I noticed that the water in the ditch on the west end of the property contained oil sheen. The sheen seemed to be entering the ditch from a large cement pipe near the newly constructed parking lot. The photographs included, with this letter, document my observation. This ditch leads to an unnamed tributary of the Little Miami River. Yamada North America is not covered under any Ohio discharge permit which makes it illegal to discharge pollutants into a state water way.

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Please provide an explanation of what possible current activities may have caused a spill or leak of an oil/grease substance. What is the source of the water draining into the ditch on the west side of the building? Also, what actions will be implemented to eliminate the discharge of pollutants into the ditch? This information must be provided within 14 days of the receipt of this letter. This information will be used for an inspection of the Yamada plant at a later date.

If you have any questions regarding the NPDES permit, you can contact me at (937) 204-1002 or via email james.schwieterman@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,



James Schwieterman
Storm Water Group
Division of Surface Water

Enclosed: Inspection Sheet & Photos

JS\bp

Ohio EPA DSW Storm Water Section, Construction Site Visit Information Form

Inspector initials: JS Visit date: 7/2/13 Permit # 16C04212 AG

Site Name: YAMADA NORTH AMERICA INC.

Site Address: 9000 Columbus - Cincinnati Road South Charleston, OH Clark

People Contacted On Site: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

1. Did you see the following on site?

ITEM	YES	NO	Not Requested	Comments
NOI			✓	Didn't Talk
Coverage Letter			✓	to anyone at
SWP3			✓	Site
Inspection Records			✓	
Contractor & Subs signature document			✓	

2. Acreage Disturbed: 4.3

3. Site Status: Clearing/grubbing Rough Grading Storm sewers in
 Streets in Utilities installed Final Grade Final stabilization

4. Are BMPs needed: No

5. Are BMPs effective? All Some None No BMPs

Explain: _____

6. What post construction controls are shown on the SWP3? Final stabilization of barren soil about 30%, should re-seed grass in areas.

7. Were Photos taken & saved? Yes 8. Was an NOV issued? Parking Lot Paved

Additional notes/comments:

- Sunk/Ditch on west end of property has some pollutant (oil, grease) in water. Ditch leads to a tributary of the Little Miami River







