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John R. Kasich, Governor
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August 20, 2013

RE: SUMMIT COUNTY
CITY OF NORTON
CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER
ODOT SUM 21 (2.60) (4.62) PID-23702
PERMIT NO: 3GC02247*AG

Philip Crish
ODOT District 4
2088 S Arlington Road
Akron, OH 44306

Dear Mr. Crish:

On August 15, 2013, I performed an inspection at the above-referenced site to determine compliance with the Ohio EPA General Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Construction Activities #3GC02247*AG. Our records indicate that ODOT District 4 was granted coverage under the NPDES permit on February 23, 2006.

It appears that construction activities are complete and the site has been stabilized. Please be aware that NPDES permit coverage must be terminated within 45 days of when the site reaches final stabilization. Final stabilization means that all soil disturbing activities at the site are complete and a uniform perennial vegetative cover (i.e., evenly distributed, without large bare areas) has reached a growth density of 70% or greater on all unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures. Equivalent stabilization measures such as the use of landscape mulches, rip-rap or gabions may be employed, where appropriate, in lieu of vegetation. In addition, all temporary erosion and sediment control practices must be removed and disposed and all sediment trapped by these practices must be permanently stabilized.

In addition, before NPDES permit coverage can be terminated, post-construction water quality best management practices (post-construction BMPs) must be installed and a long-term maintenance plan must be provided to the party that will be responsible for long-term maintenance of those practices, e.g., homeowners' association. Post-construction BMPs are permanent site features that will remain in perpetuity to improve the quality of storm water runoff from the development site. Examples of post-construction BMPs include, but are not limited to, extended detention basins, bioretention cells (or "rain gardens"), sand filters, permeable pavement and enhanced swales. In some cases post-construction BMPs include non-structural preservation areas such as riparian setbacks and conservation easements.

Please review your site with your City's service department to determine if it has reached final stabilization and ensure that post-construction BMPs have been installed. If you determine that your site has reached final stabilization, you must terminate NPDES permit coverage by submitting a Notice of Termination (NOT) to:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
General Permit Program
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, OH 43216-1049

The form and instructions are available at www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/stormform.aspx. If you determine that your site does not yet qualify for an NOT, please provide me with a letter of explanation indicating why NPDES permit coverage cannot yet be terminated. Please submit the NOT to Columbus or letter of explanation **no later than September 3, 2013**.

If you have any questions, please contact me at molly.drinkuth@epa.ohio.gov or 330.963.1215.

Sincerely,

Molly Drinkuth

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Environmental Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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pc: Mike Zita, Mayor, City of Norton