



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

Re: Lucas County
Oneida City Farm
Construction Storm Water
Facility ID No. 2GC02988

August 21, 2013

Ms. Bimla Ahir
Toledo Botanical Garden Board, Inc.
5403 Elmer Drive
Toledo, Ohio 43604

Dear Ms. Ahir:

On June 3, 2013, Zachary Titkemeier and Tom Wilkins inspected the Oneida City Farm at 728 Oneida Street, Toledo (photos taken). The purpose of their visit was to evaluate compliance of the site with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for storm water discharges associated with construction activity. The inspection was conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapter 6111.

It appears that construction activities at the Oneida City Farm are complete. A finished building, two finished greenhouses, and a paved parking area were present. It appeared that multiple bioretention areas had been installed to meet the post construction storm water management requirements of the permit. A Notice of Termination (NOT) must be filed to relieve you of the obligation to comply with this general permit. An NOT may be filed if one or more of the following conditions have been met:

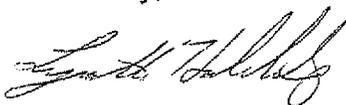
- Final stabilization has been established on all areas of the site for which the permittee is responsible. Final stabilization means that all soil disturbing activities at the site are complete and a uniform perennial vegetative cover of at least 70% density has been established over the entire site. All temporary erosion and sediment control measures have been removed, properly disposed of, and all trapped sediment has been permanently stabilized; or
- Another operator(s) has assumed control over all areas of the site that have not been fully stabilized.

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It appears that you do not yet meet these criteria. Specifically, there was bare soil along the south fence, east of the green houses. Once a 70% density of vegetative cover has been established on the property excluding soil, mulch, and compost piles used for farm activities, you may file the NOT form. The NOT form and instructions can be found on our website: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/stormform.aspx>. NOTs must be mailed to Ohio EPA's Central Office within 45 days of when the above criteria are met.

If there are any questions, please contact me at 419-373-3009.

Sincerely,



Lynette Hablitzel, P.E.
Division of Surface Water
Storm Water Program

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cc: Patekka Pope Bannister, City of Toledo, Division of Environmental Services