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December 6, 2011

Gary Nicholson
Mars Pet Care
1 Mars Drive
Washington Court House, OH 43160

Re: Notice of Violation
Mars Pet Care, Fayette County
Industrial Storm Water Permit 4GR00418*DG

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

This letter is written in regard to an industrial storm water inspection that I conducted at Mars Pet Care, fka, Doane Pet Care, on November 30, 2011, at your facility located at 1 Mars Drive, in Washington Court House, Ohio. The inspection was conducted in order to determine compliance with your industrial storm water general permit. Please consider this a formal notice of violation. During the inspection I was escorted by Dean O'Conner and Brian. Your facility manufactures pet food. The following items were noted during the inspection, also please see attached pictures:

I noted that power washing had recently been done of the loading/unloading areas, storage areas and containment areas and that the wash water was being directed to storm water drains. Wash water should be collected and either sent to the sanitary sewer (with City's approval) or collected and hauled to an approved treatment facility. Wash water should not be directed to storm water drains nor waters of the state.

Please revise your storm water pollution prevention plan (SWP3) to revise the protocol for power washing. Please send me an electronic copy of the revised plan.

Your SWP3 and spill prevention control and countermeasure (SPCC) plan are reviewed annually as per the general permit.

There was a small discharge from the corner of the secondary containment area. Please see attached pictures. Also, there was a discharge from the drain pipe from the secondary containment area. The water in the containment area appeared to be brown in color and contained grain and other sediment. This discharge should either be sent to the sanitary sewer (with City's approval) or collected and hauled to an approved treatment facility.

There were grease traps and a holding tank stored next to the storm water drains. It is recommended to store these items away from storm water drains.

I noted a storm water drain that was clogged with grease and grain that was discharging to a storm water drain. Please be aware that there should be no grease, grain or other pollutants discharging to storm water drains or waters of the state.

The storm water ditch that discharged to storm water outfall #1 appeared to have gray colored storm water with a film. Please prevent pollutants from discharging to storm water drains.

An area in the front of the building, near a hopper and auger, had staining and sediment on the pavement that would be able to discharge to a storm water drain. Please install controls or best management practices to prevent the staining of pavement and the discharge of sediment to the storm water drain.

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

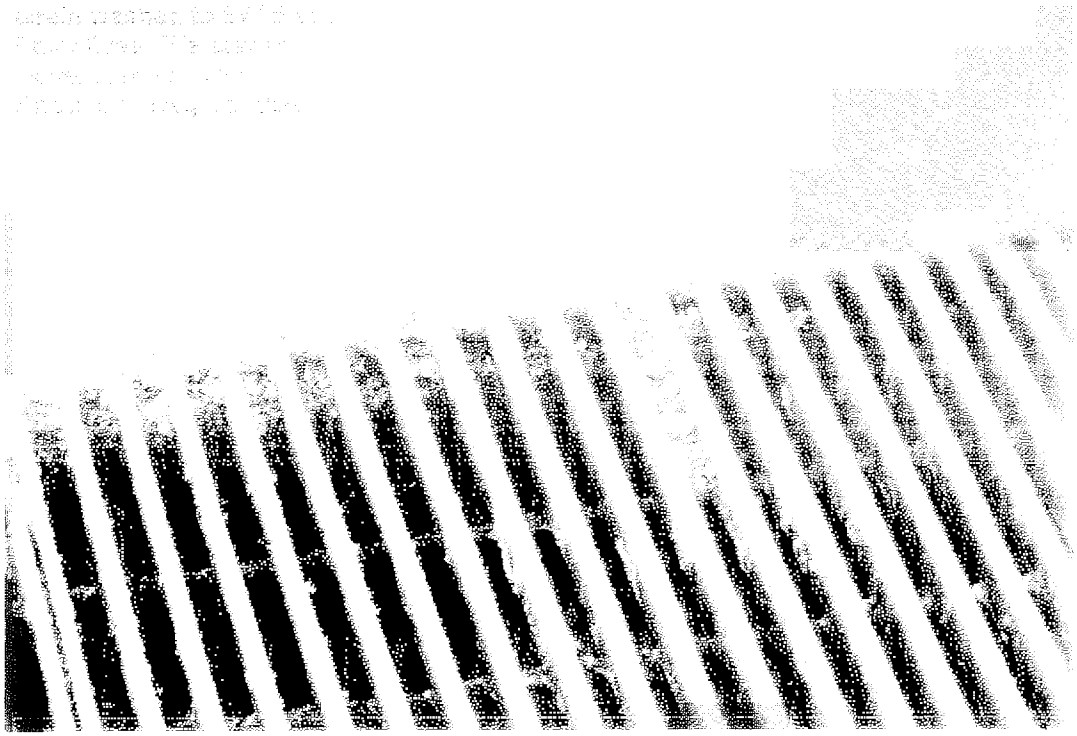
Sincerely,

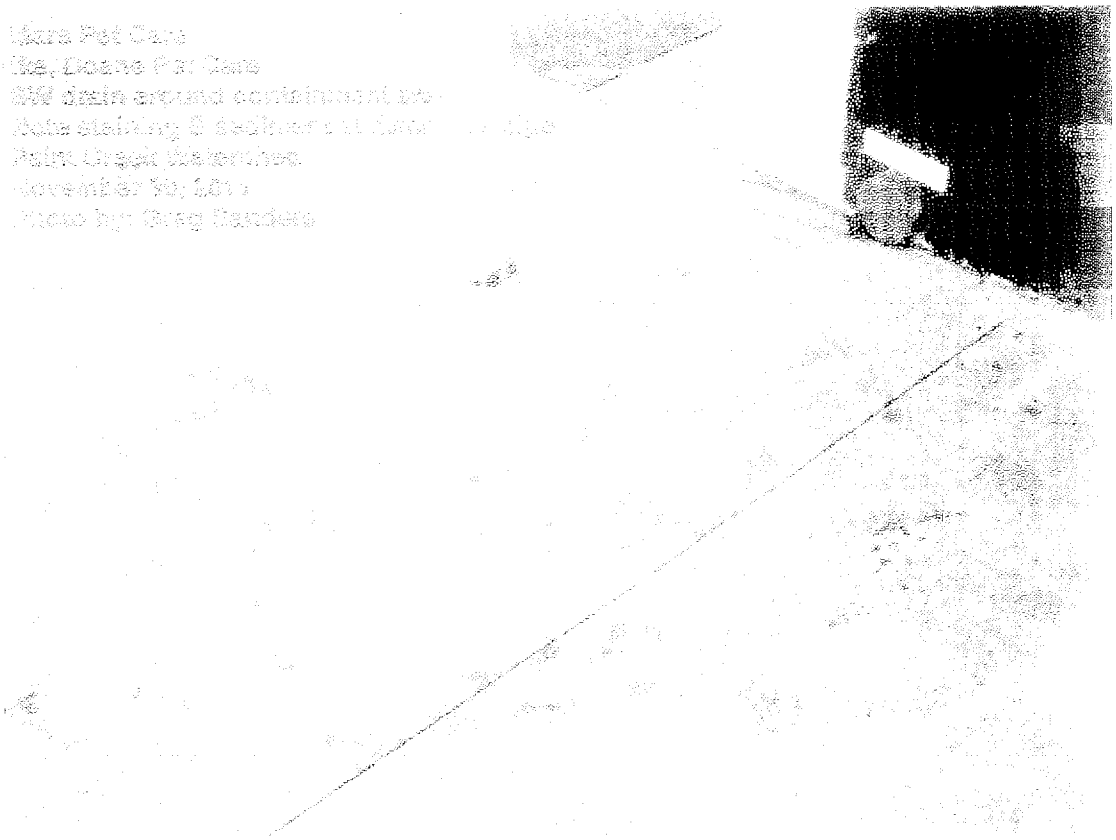
Gregory L. Sanders
Environmental Specialist
Division of Surface Water
Central District Office

c: John Woodrow, City of Washington CH WWTP

ec: Greg Sanders, DSW/CDO

GS/nsm Mars Pet Care, November 30, 2011

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SW drain around containment area
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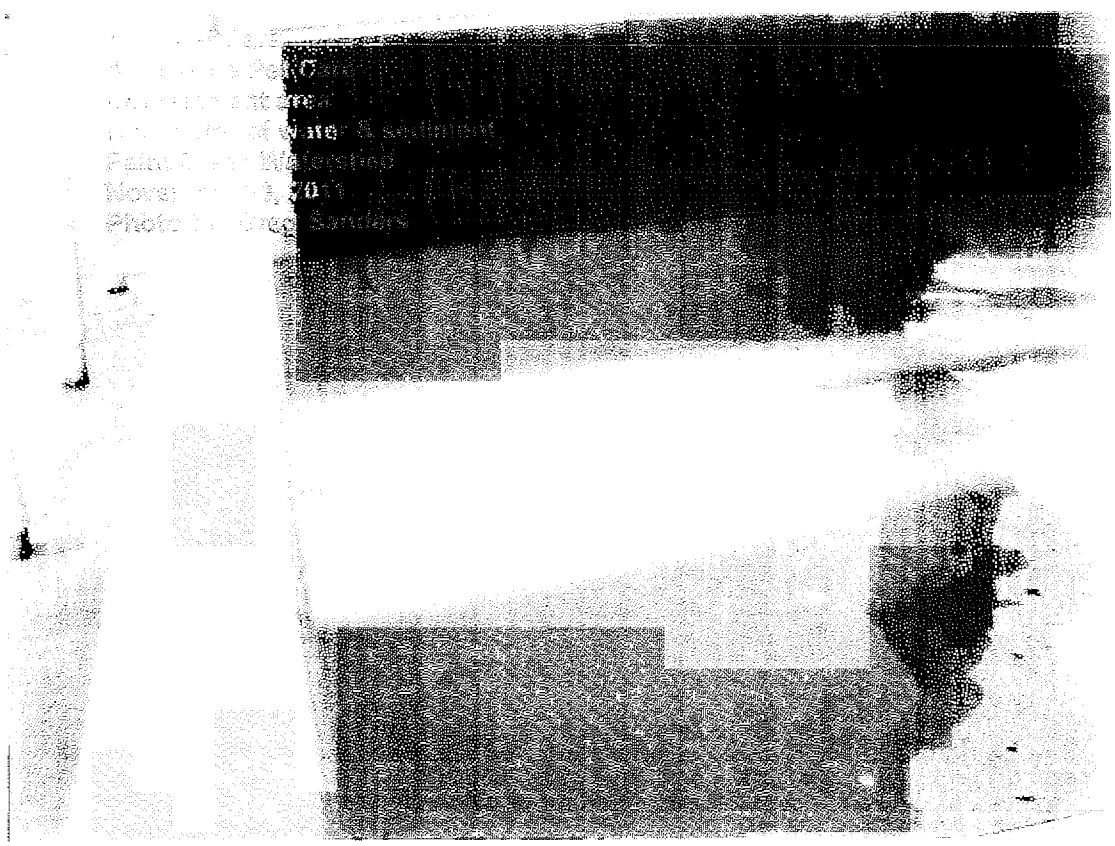
Paint Creek Watershed
November 30, 2011
Photo by: Greg Sanders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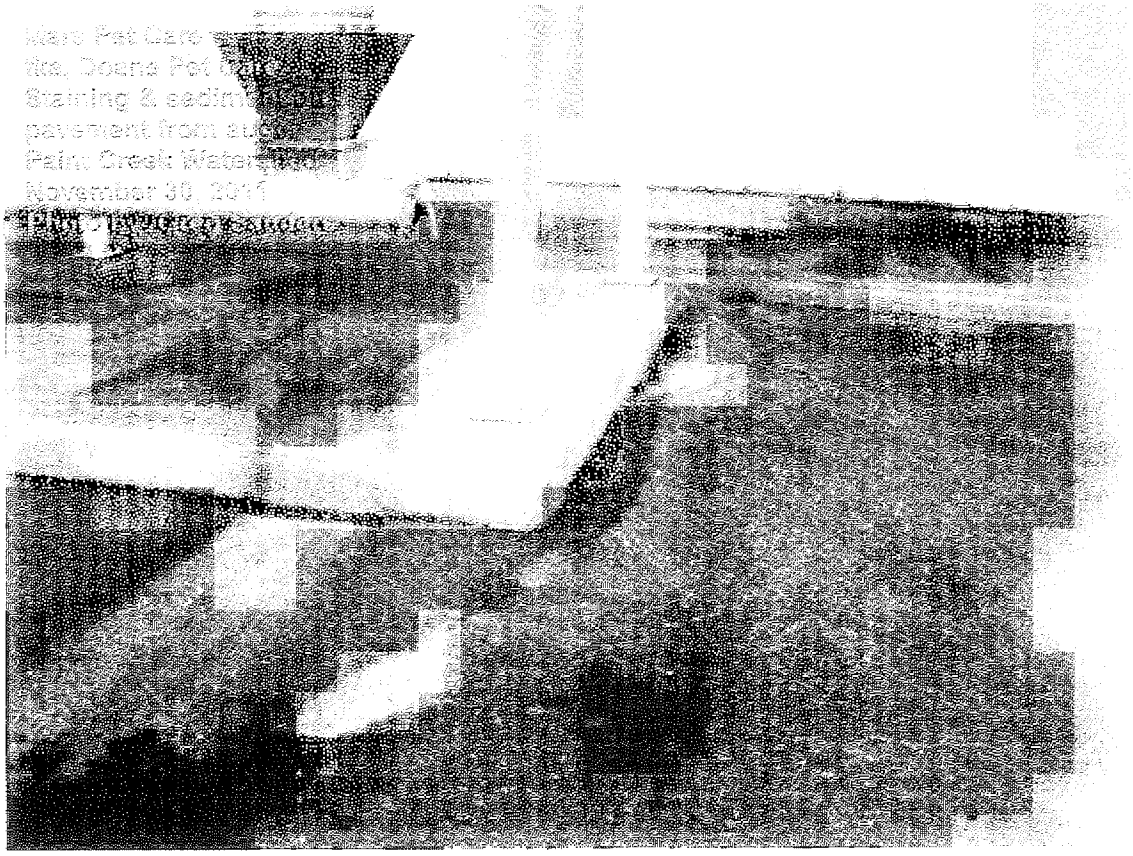
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