



JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT
LANSING



REBECCA A. HUMPHRIES
DIRECTOR

September 21, 2010

Mr. Thomas Grover, Environmental Compliance Officer
Michigan State University
150 Giltner Hall
East Lansing, Michigan 48824

Dear Mr. Grover:

SUBJECT: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Certificate of Coverage (COC) No. MIG610107
Designated Name: MSU MS4-Ingham
Alternative Approach Review

According to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Watershed General Permit MIG610000 (permit), requests for alternative approaches, along with the details of the alternatives, shall be submitted with the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Initiative (SWPPI). Michigan State University (MSU) was required to submit a SWPPI by July 1, 2010. The SWPPI was received on June 30, 2010. MSU requested approval to implement an offset program to allow for post-construction control requirements to be met offsite from the original development site in accordance with specific criteria included in the alternative.

Staff of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (Department), Water Resources Division conducted a review of the alternative approach submitted. The purpose of the review was to evaluate the alternative to determine if it was at least as effective as the standard permit requirements.

The Department approves the alternative approach to implement a post-construction control offset program. The alternative approach shall be implemented in accordance with the implementation schedule included in the SWPPI. The approved alternative is part of the SWPPI. Failure to comply with the approved alternative is a violation of the permit.

We appreciate your efforts to maintain compliance with the permit and your COC. Should you require further information, please contact Ms. Christe Alwin, at 517-335-2576; alwinc@michigan.gov; or Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Water Resources Division, Lansing District, Constitution Hall 4th Floor-North, 525 West Allegan Street, P.O. Box 30242, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Lynn Bartley
Assistant District Supervisor
Lansing District Office
Water Resources Division
517-335-6039

cc: Ms. Ruth Kline-Robach, Institute of Water Research, Michigan State University