



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Sent via Electronic Mail (*Dated as shown on electronic signature*)

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Subject: July 21, 2023, EPA Inspection

Dear Mr. Ciesla:

On July 20, 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") performed an inspection at Apple Road Gravel Site in Brimfield, MA, regarding compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") program of the Clean Water Act. A copy of the inspection report is enclosed with this letter.

Based on observations made during the inspection, it appears that the site is subject to EPA's NPDES Multi-Sector General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity ("MSGP") See <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-industrial-activities-epas-2021-msgp>. Discharges of stormwater from sites that fall under Sector J¹ of the MSGP ("Mineral Mining and Dressing") are not authorized, unless such a facility obtains coverage under the MSGP or an individual NPDES permit.

Within 14 days of this letter, provide:

- 1) a plan for completely eliminating stormwater discharges from industrial activities at the site; or
- 2) a plan and schedule for obtaining MSGP coverage for stormwater discharges from the site; or
- 3) if you disagree that stormwater discharges from the site require MSGP coverage, a statement explaining why you believe such coverage is not required.

Please provide a response to Andrew Spejewski at spejewski.andrew@epa.gov. If you have questions about the MSGP compliance, contact Alex Rosenberg at rosenberg.alex@epa.gov.

Legal issues may be directed to Jeff Kopf, Senior Enforcement Counsel, at kopf.jeff@epa.gov or (617) 918-1796.

¹ For more information related to Sector J see: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-10/documents/sector_j_mineralmining.pdf

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

Inspection Report for July 20, 2023, EPA Inspection

CCs (electronic only):

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