BEFORE THE  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In the Matter of:

JAJ Investments, LLC.  
6519 Glenway Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45211

Respondent

Director's Final Findings  
and Orders

PREAMBLE

It is agreed by the Parties hereto as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders ("Orders") are issued to JAJ Investments, LLC. ("Respondent") pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") under Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) §§ 6111.03 and 3745.01.

II. PARTIES BOUND

These Orders shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and successors in interest liable under Ohio law. No change in the composition of Respondent shall in any way alter Respondent's obligations under these Orders.

III. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meaning as defined in R.C. Chapters 6111 and 3745, and the rules promulgated thereunder.

IV. FINDINGS

The Director of Ohio EPA has made the following findings:

1. Respondent is the developer of an approximately 5-acre commercial development located at 7266 Harrison Avenue, Colerain Township, Hamilton County, Ohio ("the Site").

2. As of at least November 9, 2005, Respondent had disturbed approximately 3 acres of land in constructing the Site.

I certify this to be a true and accurate copy of the official documents as filed in the records of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

By:  
Date: 10-31-06
3. Storm water passed over all or part of the disturbed portions of this construction site and picked up dirt and soil which was discharged off site to waters of the state. The discharge, at least in part, was from bulldozers and/or other earthmoving equipment, and/or from piles of earth and land clearing debris formed by such equipment and earthmoving activity and/or left the site in discrete conveyances such as drains, ditches, fissures, rills and gullies and/or trenches.

4. Storm water from the Site discharges to Taylor Creek. Taylor Creek constitutes "waters of the state," as defined by ORC § 6111.01(H). Sediment contained in the storm water constitutes "other wastes," as defined in ORC § 6111.01(D). Placement of this waste into waters of the state constitutes "pollution," as defined in ORC § 6111.01(A).

5. Pursuant to ORC §6111.04, no person shall place or discharge, or cause to be placed or discharged, in any waters of the state any sewage, sludge, sludge materials, industrial waste, or other wastes without a valid, unexpired permit.

6. The discharges from the construction site were point source discharges.

7. Ohio Adm. Code §3745-38-02(A) provides that no person may discharge any pollutant or cause, permit, or allow a discharge of any pollutant from a point source without either applying for and obtaining an Ohio NPDES individual permit in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 3745-33 of the Administrative Code, complying with the indirect discharge permit program pursuant to Chapter 3745-36 of the Administrative Code or obtaining authorization to discharge under an Ohio NPDES general permit in accordance with requirements of Chapter 3745-38 of the Administrative Code.

8. ORC §6111.03(J)(1) provides that the Director may issue permits in compliance with all requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and mandatory regulations adopted thereunder. That section further provides that permit terms and conditions set by the Director shall be designed to achieve and maintain full compliance with mandatory requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act that are imposed by regulation of the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency. In 40 C.F.R. 122.26, the Administrator requires dischargers of storm water associated with construction activity that disturbs more than one (1) acre of land to obtain an individual NPDES permit or coverage under a storm water general permit.

9. By way of storm water discharges, Respondent discharged wastes and pollutants into waters of the state without an appropriate permit or authorization in violation of ORC §6111.04 and Ohio Adm. Code §3745-38-02(A) and 40 C.F.R. 122.26.
10. ORC § 6111.07(A) prohibits any person from violating, or failing to perform any duty imposed by sections 6111.01 to 6111.08 of the Revised Code or violating any order, rule, or term or condition of a permit issued or adopted by the Director of Environmental Protection pursuant to those sections. Each day of violation is a separate offense.

11. The Director has given consideration to, and based his determination on, evidence relating to the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of complying with these Orders and to evidence relating to conditions calculated to result from compliance with these Orders, and its relation to the benefits to the people of the State to be derived from such compliance in accomplishing the purposes of ORC Chapter 6111.

ORDERS

1. Respondent shall not initiate construction activities that disturb more than one acre of land without first obtaining an NPDES Storm Water General Permit for the disturbed area.

2. Respondent shall pay the amount of four thousand dollars ($4,000.00) in settlement of Ohio EPA’s claim for civil penalties, which may be assessed pursuant to ORC Chapter 6111. Within fourteen (14) days after the effective date of these Orders, payment to Ohio EPA shall be made by an official check made payable to “Treasurer, State of Ohio” for four thousand dollars ($4,000.00). The official check shall be submitted to Brenda Case, or her successor, together with a letter identifying the Respondent and the Site, to:

Ohio EPA  
Office of Fiscal Administration  
P.O. Box 1049  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

A photocopy of the check shall be sent to Ohio EPA’s Southwest District Office at the following address:

Ohio EPA  
Southwest District Office  
Division of Surface Water  
401 East Fifth Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45402  
Attn: Chris Cotton
VI. TERMINATION

Respondent's obligations under these Orders shall terminate when Respondent certifies in writing and demonstrates to the satisfaction of Ohio EPA that Respondent has performed all obligations under these Orders and the Chief of Ohio EPA's Division of Surface Water acknowledges, in writing, the termination of these Orders. If Ohio EPA does not agree that all obligations have been performed, then Ohio EPA will notify Respondent of the obligations that have not been performed, in which case Respondent shall have an opportunity to address any such deficiencies and seek termination as described above.

The certification shall contain the following attestation: "I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this certification is true, accurate and complete."

This certification shall be submitted by Respondent to Ohio EPA and shall be signed by a responsible official of the Respondent. For purposes of these Orders, a responsible official is as defined in OAC Rule 3745-33-03(D).

VII. OTHER CLAIMS

Nothing in these Orders shall constitute or be construed as a release from any claim, cause of action or demand in law or equity against any person, firm, partnership or corporation, not a party to these Orders, for any liability arising from, or related to activities occurring on or at the Site.

VIII. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. These Orders do not waive or compromise the applicability and enforcement of any other statutes or regulations applicable to Respondent.

IX. MODIFICATIONS

These Orders may be modified by agreement of the parties hereto. Modifications shall be in writing and shall be effective on the date entered in the journal of the Director of Ohio EPA.
X. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Ohio EPA and Respondent each reserve all rights, privileges and causes of action, except as specifically waived in Section XI of these Orders.

XI. WAIVER

In order to resolve disputed claims, without admission of fact, violation or liability, and in lieu of further enforcement action by Ohio EPA for only the violations specifically cited in these Orders, Respondent consents to the issuance of these Orders and agrees to comply with these Orders. Compliance with these Orders shall be a full accord and satisfaction for Respondent’s liability for the violations specifically cited herein.

Respondent hereby waives the right to appeal the issuance, terms and conditions, and service of these Orders, and Respondent hereby waives any and all rights Respondent may have to seek administrative or judicial review of these Orders either in law or equity.

Notwithstanding the preceding, Ohio EPA and Respondent agree that if these Orders are appealed by any other party to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, or any court, Respondent retains the right to intervene and participate in such appeal. In such an event, Respondent shall continue to comply with these Orders notwithstanding such appeal and intervention unless these Orders are stayed, vacated or modified.

XII. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders are entered into the Ohio EPA Director’s journal.
XIII. SIGNATORY AUTHORITY

Each undersigned representative of a party to these Orders certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into these Orders and to legally bind such party to these Orders.

IT IS SO ORDERED AND AGREED:
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

[Signature]
Joseph P. Koncelik
Director

[Date] 10/30/06

IT IS SO AGREED:
JAJ Investments, LLC

[Signature]
MENDO ANEVSKI
Printed or Typed Name

[Date] 10/10/06

OWNER

Title