BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  

In the Matter of:
Ventureast Ohio, Inc.
2555 34th Street, N.E.
Canton, OH 44705

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 Ventureast Ohio, Inc., ("Respondent"), pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") under Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") §§ 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 ownership or composition of Respondent or the ownership of the site (defined below) 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 ORC Chapter 6111., and the rules promulgated thereunder.

IV. FINDINGS

The Director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

1. Respondent, located at 2555 34th Street, N.E., Canton, Ohio, a corporation for profit in good standing with the Ohio Secretary of State’s Office, is the developer of Polaris West, ("site"), situated on the west side of Antares Avenue, south of Polaris Parkway, in Delaware County.

2. Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 3745-42-02 requires the Director's issuance of a permit to install prior to the installation of a new "disposal system."
3. ORC § 6111.07(A) prohibits any person from violating, or failing to perform, any duty imposed by ORC §§ 6111.01 to 6111.08, or violating any rule adopted by the Director pursuant to those sections, including OAC Rule 3745-42-02.

4. Permit to Install Application No. 539779, together with detail plans, was received at Ohio EPA, Central District Office, on December 13, 2005, for the installation of sanitary sewer improvements at the site.

5. On August 18, 2006, an Ohio EPA inspection of the site found that the installation of the sanitary sewers was completed prior to receiving an approved permit to install from Ohio EPA.

6. On August 29, 2006, Ohio EPA notified Respondent by letter that the installation of sanitary sewers prior to receiving approval from Ohio EPA is a violation of ORC Chapter 6111.

7. In letters to Respondent dated January 3 and 27, 2006, Ohio EPA identified deficiencies in the permit to install application and requested the submittal of additional information. That additional information was received on September 8, 2006.

8. The sanitary sewers which are the subject of Permit to Install Application No. 539779 are a "disposal system."

9. 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.

V. ORDERS

1. Respondent shall not install sewerage or treatment works for sewage disposal or new disposal systems, including, but not limited to, sanitary sewers, at any location in Ohio without first receiving prior approval from the Director as required by law.

2. Respondent shall pay to Ohio EPA the amount of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) in settlement of Ohio EPA’s claim for civil penalties, which may be assessed pursuant to ORC Chapter 6111. Payment shall be made by tendering an official check made payable to “Treasurer, State of Ohio” for the full amount within thirty
(30) days of the effective date of these Orders, to the following address: Ohio EPA, Office of Fiscal Administration, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, together with a letter identifying Respondent and the site.

A photocopy of the check shall be sent to Ohio EPA, Northeast District Office.

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 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 Respondent.

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 the operation of the Facility.

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. NOTICE

Unless otherwise specified herein, all documents required to be submitted by Respondent shall be addressed to:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Central District Office
Division of Surface Water
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, OH 43216-1049
Attn: DSW Enforcement Coordinator

XI. 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.

XII. 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.

XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Each undersigned representative or 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

Laura H. Powell
Acting Director

Date 1-5-07

IT IS SO AGREED:
Ventureeast Ohio, Inc.

Richard Atkinson
President

Date 12/11/06

Printed or Typed Name

Title