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December 20, 2007

Steve Mendoza
Dee Sign Company
6163 Allen Road
West Chester, Ohio 45069**Re: Dee Sign Company; Hazardous Waste; Butler County; OHD987019536;
Notice of Violation**

Dear Mr. Mendoza:

On November 18, 2007, Tom Koch and I representing the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) conducted a compliance evaluation of Dee Sign Company (DSC) to determine your compliance with Ohio's hazardous waste laws and regulations as found under the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Ohio EPA's inspection included an inspection of facility operations and a review of written documentation and records. During the inspection we also discussed pollution prevention and waste reduction. This letter will explain the violations we found and what you need to do to correct the violations.

1. Weekly Inspections

DSC is in violation of OAC 3745-66-74 for failing to conduct and record the required weekly inspections of the container accumulation area. Please immediately begin weekly inspections and maintain a record of the inspections. Ohio EPA will re-inspect your facility to review this documentation.

2. Universal Waste

DSC is in violation of OAC 3745-273-13(D)(1) which requires a small quantity handler manage universal waste lamps appropriately. Please prepare a written plan for managing universal wastes generated at DSC and submit this plan to Ohio EPA within 30 days of receipt of this letter. I have enclosed guidance on fluorescent lamps to assist you with compliance.

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3. Inspection Documentation for Emergency Equipment

DSC is in violation of OAC 3734-65-33 by not recording on a log or summary the testing and/or inspection of the emergency equipment. Please immediately begin recording the testing and/or inspections of the emergency equipment in a log or summary. Ohio EPA will re-inspect your facility to review this documentation.

Other Issues

Used oil generated at this site should be stored in containers labeled with the words used oil. Also, please keep a record of the off site shipments. No used oil was on site during the inspection.

Please also keep documentation of the material sent to Krystal Kleen through Resource One. The material formerly sent out as a hazardous waste is now sent out for continued use.

The Division of Hazardous Waste Management has created an electronic news service to provide you with quick and timely updates on events and news related to hazardous waste activities in Ohio. If you haven't already, we encourage you to sign-up for this free service. You can find more information at the following web address: www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/listserv.html. Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues. You can find copies of the rules, compliance checklists, and other information on the division's web page at www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm.

Please submit the information requested in item number 2 above within 30 days of receipt of this letter. The other violations will be addressed during the re-inspection. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6083.

Sincerely,



Brian Marlatt
Environmental Specialist
Division of Hazardous Waste Management

cc: Dinah Crawford, DHWM/SWDO File
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NOTICE:

Ohio EPA's failure to list specific deficiencies or violations in this letter does not relieve your company from having to comply with all applicable regulations.

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SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR REQUIREMENTS
COMPLETE AND ATTACH A PROCESS, WASTE, P2 SUMMARY SHEET

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CESQG: ≤ 100 Kg. (approximately 25-30 gallons) of waste in a calendar month or < 1 Kg. of acutely hazardous waste.
SQG: Between 100 and 1,000 Kg. (about 25 to under 300 gallons) of waste in a calendar month
LQG: ≥ 1,000 Kg. (-300 gallons) of waste in a calendar month or ≥ 1 Kg. of acutely hazardous waste in a calendar month
NOTE: To convert from gallons to pounds: Amount in gallons x Specific Gravity x 8.345 = Amounts in pounds
Safety Equipment Used:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Have all wastes generated at the facility been adequately evaluated? [3745-52-11] Yes No N/A
- 2. Has the generator obtained a U.S. EPA I.D. number? [3745-52-12] Yes No N/A
- 3. Has the generator transported or caused to be transported hazardous waste to **other** than a facility authorized to manage the hazardous waste? [ORC 3734.02 (F)] Yes No N/A
- 4. Has the generator disposed of hazardous waste **on-site without a permit** or at another facility **other** than a facility authorized to dispose of hazardous waste? [ORC 3734.02 (E) & (F)] Yes No N/A
- 5. Does the generator accumulate hazardous waste? Yes No N/A

NOTE: If the SQG does not accumulate or treat hazardous waste, it is not subject to 52-34 standards. All other requirements might still apply, e.g. manifest, marking, LDR, etc.

- 6. Has the generator accumulated hazardous wastes in excess of (180/270) days without a permit or an extension from the Director? [3745-52-34; ORC §3734-02(E)&(F)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: SQG's shipping waste to a facility greater than 200 miles away can accumulate on-site for 270 days. [3745-52-34 (E)]

- 7. Is the generator accumulating more than 6,000 kg on site? [3745-52-34(D)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: 6,000 kg = approximately 27, 55-gallon drums. If the facility is accumulating waste for greater than 180/270 days without an extension/permit or is accumulating greater than 6,000 kg on-site, it is classified as a storage facility and TSD standards apply. Complete applicable TSD checklists.

- 8. Does the generator treat hazardous waste in a:
 - a. Container that meets 3745-66-70 to 3745-66-77? Yes No N/A
 - b. Tank that meets 3745-66-90 to 3745-66-101 except 3745-66-97 (C)? Yes No N/A
 - c. Drip pads that meet 3745-69-40 to 3745-69-45? Yes No N/A
 - d. Containment building that meets 3745-256-100 to 3745-256-102? Yes No N/A

NOTE: Complete appropriate checklist for each unit.

NOTE: If waste is treated to meet LDRs, use LDR checklist.

MANIFEST REQUIREMENTS

- 9. Are all hazardous wastes either reclaimed under a contractual agreement as defined in OAC rule 3745-52-20(E), or shipped off-site accompanied by a manifest (U.S. EPA Form 8700-22)? [3745-52-20(A)] Yes No N/A
- 10. Are wastes reclaimed under a contractual agreement? If so: [3745-52-20(E)] Yes No N/A
 - a. Does the contractual agreement specify the type of waste and frequency of shipment? Yes No N/A

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- b. Is the transport vehicle owned and operated by the reclaimer? Yes No N/A
- c. Is a copy of the reclamation agreement kept on-site for at least three years after termination/expiration of the agreement? Yes No N/A

NOTE: If wastes are reclaimed under a contractual agreement and an answer to questions 10(a) through 10(c) is no, the generator is in violation of 3745-52-20 (A) (B) & (D), 3745-52-22 and 3745-52-23. Even if the waste is being reclaimed under agreement, LDRs still apply. Complete LDR checklist.

11. Have items 1 through 20 of each manifest been completed? [3745-52-20(A)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: U.S. EPA Form 8700-22(A) (the continuation form) may be needed in addition to Form 8700-22. In these situations, items (21) through (35) must also be complete. [3745-52-20 (A)]

12. Does each manifest designate at least one facility which is permitted to handle the waste? [3745-52-20(B)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: The generator may designate on the manifest one alternative facility to handle the waste in the event of an emergency which prevents the delivery of waste to the primary designated facility. [3745-52-20(C)]

13. If the transporter was unable to deliver a shipment of hazardous waste to the designated facility did the generator designate an alternative TSD facility or give the transporter instructions to return the waste? [3745-52-20(D)] Yes No N/A

14. Have the manifests been signed by the generator and initial transporter? [3745-52-23 (A) (1) and (2)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: Remind the generator that the certification statement they signed indicates: 1) they have properly prepared the shipment for transportation and 2) they have made a good faith effort to minimize their waste generation.

15. If the generator did not receive a return copy of each completed manifest within 60 days of being accepted by the transporter did the generator submit to Ohio EPA, a copy of the manifest with some indication that the generator has not received confirmation of delivery? 3745-52-42(B)] Yes No N/A

16. Are signed copies of all manifests being retained for at least three years? [3745-52-40] Yes No N/A

NOTE: Waste generated at one location and transported along a publicly accessible road for temporary consolidated storage or treatment on a contiguous property also owned by the same person is not considered "on-site" and manifesting and transporter requirements must be met. To transport "along" a public right-of-way the destination facility has to act as a transfer facility or have a permit because this is considered to be "off-site." For additional information see the definition of "on-site" in OAC rule 3745-50-10.

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17. Is an emergency coordinator available at all times (on-site or on-call)? [3745-52-34(D)(5)(a)] Yes No N/A

18. Has the following been posted by the telephone: [3745-52-34(D)(5)(b)]

- a. Name and telephone number of emergency coordinator? Yes No N/A
- b. Location of fire and spill control equipment, and, if present, fire alarm(s) Yes No N/A
- c. Telephone number of local fire department? Yes No N/A

19. Are employees familiar with waste handling and emergency procedures [3745-52-34(D)(5)(c)] Yes No N/A

20. Has the facility properly responded to all fires and spills? [3745-52-34(D)(5)(d)] Yes No N/A

21. Is the facility operated to minimize the possibility of fire, explosion, or any unplanned sudden or nonsudden release of hazardous waste? [3745-65-31] Yes No N/A

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22. Does the generator have the following equipment at the facility if it is required to actual hazards associated with the waste:
- a. Internal Alarm system? [3745-65-32(A)] Yes No N/A
 - b. Emergency communication device? [3745-65-32(B)] Yes No N/A
 - c. Portable fire control, spill control and decon equipment? [3745-65-32(C)]? Yes No N/A
 - d. Water of adequate volume/pressure per documentation or facility rep? [3745-65-32(D)] Yes No N/A
23. Is emergency equipment tested (inspected) as necessary to ensure its proper operation in time of emergency?[3745-65-33]
- a. Are inspections recorded in a log or summary? [3745-65-33]? Yes No N/A
24. Do personnel have immediate access to an internal alarm or emergency communication device when handling hazardous waste (unless the device is not required under OAC 3745-65-32)? [3745-65-34(A)] Yes No N/A
25. If there is only one employee on the premises is there immediate access to a device (ex. phone, hand-held two-way radio) capable of summoning external emergency assistance? (Unless not required under 3745-65-32?) [3745-65-34(B)] Yes No N/A
26. Is adequate aisle space provided for unobstructed movement of emergency or spill control equipment? [3745-65-35] Yes No N/A
27. Has the generator attempted to familiarize emergency authorities with possible hazards and facility layout? [3745-65-37(A)] Yes No N/A
28. Where authorities have declined to enter into arrangements or agreements, has the generator documented such a refusal? [3745-65-37(B)] Yes No N/A

SATELLITE ACCUMULATION AREA REQUIREMENTS

29. Does the generator ensure that satellite accumulation area(s):
- a. Are at or near a point of generation? {3745-52-34(C)(1)} Yes No N/A
 - b. Are under the control of the operator of the process generating the waste? [3745-52-34(C)(1)] Yes No N/A
 - c. Do not exceed a total of 55 gallons of hazardous waste per waste stream? [3745-52-34(C)(1)] Yes No N/A
 - d. Do not exceed one quart of acutely hazardous waste at any one time? [3745-52-34(C)(1)] Yes No N/A
 - e. Containers are closed, in good condition and compatible with wastes stored in them? [3745-52-34(C)(1)(a)]. *NO WASTE - RESON BSM?* Yes No N/A
 - f. Containers are marked with the words "Hazardous Waste" or other words identifying the contents? [3745-52-34(C)(1)(b)] Yes No N/A
30. Is the generator accumulating hazardous waste(s) in excess of the amounts listed in the preceding question? If so:
- a. Did the generator comply with 3745-52-34(A)(1) through (4) or other applicable generator requirements within three days? [3745-52-34(C)(2)] Yes No N/A
 - b. Did the generator mark the container(s) holding the excess with the accumulation date when the 55 gallon (one quart) limit was exceeded? [3745-52-34(C)(2)] Yes No N/A

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NOTE: The satellite accumulation area is limited to 55 gallons of hazardous waste accumulated from a distinct point of generation in the process under the control of the operator of the process generating the waste (less than 1 quart for acute hazardous waste). There could be individual waste streams accumulated in an area from different points of generation.

USE AND MANAGEMENT OF CONTAINERS

- 31. Has the generator marked containers with the words "Hazardous Waste"[3745-52-34(D)(4)] Yes No N/A
- 32. Is the accumulation date on each container? [3745-52-34(D)(4)] Yes No N/A
- 33. Are hazardous wastes stored in containers which are:
 - a. Closed (except when adding/removing wastes)? [3745-66-73(A)] Yes No N/A
 - b. In good condition? [3745-66-71] Yes No N/A
 - c. Compatible with wastes stored in them? [3745-66-72] Yes No N/A
 - d. Handled in a manner which prevents rupture/leakage? [3745-66-73(B)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: Record location on process summary sheets and photograph the area.

- 34. Is the container accumulation area(s) inspected at least weekly? [3745-66-74] Per ORC§1.44(A) "Week" means seven(7) consecutive days. Yes No N/A
 - a. Are inspections recorded in a log or summary? [3745-66-74] Yes No N/A
- 35. Are containers of incompatible wastes stored separately from each other by means of a dike, berm, wall or other device? [3745-66-77(C)] Yes No N/A
- 36. If the generator places incompatible wastes, or incompatible wastes and materials in the same container, is it done in accordance with 3745-65-17(B) 3745-66-77(A)] Yes No N/A
- 37. If the generator places hazardous waste in an unwashed container that previously held an incompatible waste, is it done in accordance with 3745-65-17(B) ? [3745-66-77(B)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: OAC 3745-65-17(B) requires that the generator treat, store, or dispose of ignitable or reactive waste, and the mixture or commingling of incompatible wastes, or incompatible wastes and materials so that it does not create undesirable conditions or threaten human health or the environment.

PRE-TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

- 38. Does each generator package/label its hazardous waste in accordance with the applicable DOT regulations? [3745-52-30, 3745-52-31 and 3745-52-32(A)] Yes No N/A
- 39. Does each container ≤100 gallons have a completed hazardous waste label? [3745-52-32(B)] Yes No N/A
- 40. Before off-site transportation, does the generator placard or offer the appropriate DOT placards to the initial transporter? [3745-52-33] Yes No N/A