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**Re: Second Notice of Violation of the 2006 Hazardous Waste Annual Report Requirement  
(RICHLAND MOULDED BRICK CO - OHR000011221)**

Dear MR. GEIER:

On August 22, 2007, I sent Richland Moulded Brick a letter stating that my review of customer data from Ohio Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities (TSDFs) had revealed that hazardous waste was shipped off-site by RICHLAND MOULDED BRICK CO during the 2006 calendar year. The total amount reported indicates that RICHLAND MOULDED BRICK CO may have been a large quantity generator in 2006. A printout of the shipment information was attached to the August 22 letter. As of today, I still have not received a response to my letter, and RICHLAND MOULDED BRICK CO may still be in violation of Rule 3745-52-41 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

OAC Rule 3745-52-41 requires a generator who ships any hazardous waste off-site to prepare and submit to the Ohio EPA a **Hazardous Waste Annual Report** and to describe and certify efforts that were made to minimize hazardous wastes. These reports are due March 1 of each year and contain information about the activities of the previous calendar year. Only small quantity generators (between 220 and 2200 lb/mo of non-acutely hazardous wastes) and conditionally exempt small quantity generators (less than 220 lb/mo of non-acutely hazardous wastes) are exempt from the Annual Report requirement as described in OAC Rule 3745-52-44.

A large quantity generator is defined as a site which generates in any single month more than 1000 kg (2200 lbs) of non-acute hazardous waste or more than 1 kg (2.2 lb) of acutely hazardous waste. This includes wastes from one-time generation as well as wastes from ongoing production processes. It may take only one month of generating above the threshold quantity to subject a site to the Annual Report requirement. The generator is responsible for contacting Ohio EPA in order to obtain the reporting forms.

**If RICHLAND MOULDED BRICK CO was in fact a large quantity generator during 2006, in order to abate the violation of OAC Rule 3745-52-41, RICHLAND MOULDED BRICK CO must**

complete and submit to Ohio EPA a 2006 Hazardous Waste Annual Report within 15 days of receipt of this letter. The reporting forms and instructions can be found on our Web site at [http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/ann\\_report.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/ann_report.html).

If RICHLAND MOULDED BRICK CO was not a large quantity generator in 2006, documentation must be submitted to this office within 15 days of receipt of this letter. This documentation must show that RICHLAND MOULDED BRICK CO did not generate more than the threshold quantity of hazardous waste in any month during 2006. If you believe that the information supplied by the Ohio TSDF is in error, please call me to discuss the discrepancy.

A lack of response on your part may initiate a referral to the Compliance Assurance Section for consideration of enforcement action against RICHLAND MOULDED BRICK CO. Ohio EPA is entitled by law to seek a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per day for each violation of the state's hazardous waste laws.

Please return the completed forms or other documentation to my attention. A letter that acknowledges receipt of the report will be sent to you after it is processed. I can answer questions concerning the Annual Report at (614) 644-2923. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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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.