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May 12, 2009

Tom Witten
Affordable Auto
6210 Middle Ridge Rd.
Lorain, OH 44053

**RE: AFFORDABLE AUTO, LORAIN COUNTY, COMPLAINT #7178
NOTICE OF VIOLATION/RETURN TO COMPLIANCE**

Dear Mr. Witten:

On April 14, 2009, Ohio EPA, represented by Robert Almquist and I conducted a complaint inspection at Affordable Auto. The complaint alleged that automotive fluids have been dumped on the premises.

No evidence was found to substantiate the allegation, however one violation was noted:

**1. Used Oil Storage Requirements for Generators (Labels)
OAC 3745-279-22(C)**

Containers and above ground tanks used to store used oil at generator facilities shall be labeled or marked clearly with the words "Used Oil"

Two drums of used oil were not labeled per this rule. This violation was corrected during the inspection when the drums were properly labeled with a paint marker.

You explained that you were unaware of rules governing the disposal of fluorescent and other lamps. Often these lamps contain mercury at a level that make them a hazardous waste if disposed. This can also be true of mercury vapor, sodium vapor, and metal halide lamps.

If the spent lamps are sent for recycling instead of disposal, they would be exempt from the hazardous waste management requirements. Although Ohio EPA encourages recycling in any case, low-mercury lamps that are not considered hazardous waste when disposed are commercially available.

Enclosed is a copy of the checklist used for the inspection and a copy of Ohio EPA's list of fluorescent lamp recyclers. Also enclosed is a copy of facilities in Ohio that accept hazardous waste. These facilities will also accept spent lamps for recycling.

No response to this letter is required.

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Failure to list specific deficiencies in this communication does not relieve Affordable Auto from the responsibility of complying with all applicable Ohio EPA laws and regulations. Please be advised that present or past instances of non-compliance can continue as subjects of pending or future enforcement actions.

Please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1170 if you have any questions about the inspection or this letter.

Sincerely,



Edward J. D'Amato
Environmental Specialist
Division of Hazardous Waste Management

EJD:ddw

Enclosures

ec: Frank Popotnik, DHWM, NEDO

**USED OIL INSPECTION CHECKLIST
GENERATORS, COLLECTION CENTERS AND AGGREGATION POINTS**

NOTE: A facility is subject to the federal SPCC regulations (40 CFR 112) if it is non-transportation related (e.g., fixed) and has an aggregate above ground storage capacity greater than 1,320 gallons or a total underground storage capacity greater than 42,000 gallons of oil (including used oil), and there is reasonable expectation of a discharge to navigable waters.

PROHIBITIONS

1. Does the generator manage used oil in a surface impoundment or waste pile? If yes: Yes No N/A
- a. Is the surface impoundment or waste pile regulated as a hazardous waste management unit? [3745-279-12(A)] Yes No N/A
2. Is used oil used as a dust suppressant? [3745-279-12(B)] Yes No N/A
3. Is off-specification used oil fuel burned for energy recovery in devices specified in 3745-279-12(C)? Yes No N/A

NOTE: Multiple used oil checklists may be applicable if used oil handler is performing multiple tasks (e.g., If generating used oil and shipping directly to a burner, complete generator and marketer checklists at a minimum).

GENERATOR STANDARDS

4. Does the generator mix hazardous waste with used oil? If so, Yes No N/A
- a. Is the mixture managed as specified in 3745-279-10(B)? [3745-279-21(A)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: Used Oil mixed with listed (3745-51-30 to 3745-51-35) or characteristic (3745-51-20 to 3745-51-24) hazardous waste are subject to regulation as a hazardous waste, unless the listed hazardous waste is listed solely because it exhibits a hazardous characteristic, and the resultant mixtures do not exhibit a characteristic. Mixtures of used oil and CESQG hazardous waste are subject to OAC Chapter 3745-279.

5. Does the generator of a used oil containing greater than 1,000 ppm total halogens manage the used oil as a hazardous waste unless the presumption is rebutted successfully? [3745-279-21(B)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: If used oil contains greater than 1000 ppm total halogens, it is presumed to be listed hazardous waste until the presumption is successfully rebutted.

6. Does the generator store used oil in tanks; or containers; or a unit(s) subject to regulation as a hazardous waste management unit? [3745-279-22(A)] Yes No N/A
7. Are containers and aboveground tanks used to store used oil in good condition with no visible leaks? [3745-279-22(B)] Yes No N/A
8. Are containers, above ground tanks, and fill pipes used for underground tanks clearly labeled or marked "Used Oil"? [3745-279-22(C)] Yes No N/A

9. Has the generator, upon detection of a release of used oil, done the following: [3745-279-22(D)]
- a. Stopped the release? Yes No N/A
- b. Contained the release? Yes No N/A
- c. Cleaned up and properly managed the used oil and other materials? Yes No N/A
- d. Repaired or replaced the containers or tanks prior to returning them to service, if necessary? Yes No N/A

ON-SITE BURNING IN SPACE HEATER

10. Does the generator burn used oil in used-oil fired space heaters? [3745-279-23] If so: Yes No N/A
- a. Does the heater burn only used oil that owner/operator generates or used oil received from household do-it-yourself (DIY) used oil generators? Yes No N/A
- b. Is the heater designed to have a maximum capacity of not more than 0.5 million BTU per hour? Yes No N/A
- c. Are the combustion gases from heater vented to the ambient air? Yes No N/A

GENERATOR TRANSPORTATION

11. If the generator self-transported used oil to an approved collection site or to an aggregation point owned by the generator: [3745-279-24] Yes No N/A
- a. Does the generator transport used oil in a vehicle owned by the generator or an employee of the generator?[3745-279-24] Yes No N/A
- b. Does the generator transport more than 55 gallons of used oil at any time?[3745-279-24] Yes No N/A

NOTE: Used oil generators may arrange for used oil to be transported by a transporter without a U.S. EPA ID # if the used oil is reclaimed under a contractual agreement (i.e., tolling arrangement).

COLLECTION CENTERS AND AGGREGATION POINTS

12. Is the DIY used oil collection center in compliance with the generator standards in 3745-279-20 to 3745-279-24? [3745-279-30] Yes No N/A
13. Is the non-DIY used oil collection center registered with Ohio EPA? [3745-279-31] Yes No N/A
14. Is the used oil aggregation point in compliance with the generator standards in 3745-279-20 to 3745-279-24? [3745-279-32] Yes No N/A

NOTE: Complete Used Oil Generator and any other applicable used oil handler checklist (e.g., marketer, burner, etc.) for used oil collection centers and aggregation points.

Keyword: UsedOilChecklistforGenerators.Oct.2007.doc

Completed verification forms required to be submitted to CO should be e-mailed to paula.canter@epa.state.oh.us.

Site EPA ID No. Site Name Site Location Information Site Land Type (check only one) NAICS code(s) www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html	EPA ID Number: Name: Affordable Auto Website: (Optional) Street Address: 6210 Middle Ridge Rd City, Town, or Village: Lorain State: OH County Name: Lorain Zip Code: <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Private</td> <td style="text-align: center;">County</td> <td style="text-align: center;">District</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Federal</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Indian</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Municipal</td> <td style="text-align: center;">State</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Other</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Private	County	District	Federal	Indian	Municipal	State	Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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Facility Representative Additional names can be recorded in Section 12 Only provide address information if it is different than the site address	First Name: Tom MI: Last Name: Witten Title: Owner Phone Number: 440) 233-4430 Phone Number Extension: E-Mail Address: Fax Number: Fax Number Extension: Street or P.O. Box: Same City, Town or Village: State: Zip Code:
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Legal Owner and Operator of Site. List Additional Owners and/or Operators in the Comments section or on another page of this form	Name of Site's Legal Owner: Date Became Owner (mm/dd/yyyy): <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Owner Type:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Private</td> <td style="text-align: center;">County</td> <td style="text-align: center;">District</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Federal</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Indian</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Municipal</td> <td style="text-align: center;">State</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Other</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table> Street or P.O. Box: City, Town or Village: Owner Phone #: State: Country: Zip Code: Name of Site's Operator: Date Became Operator (mm/dd/yyyy): <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Operator Type:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Private</td> <td style="text-align: center;">County</td> <td style="text-align: center;">District</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Federal</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Indian</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Municipal</td> <td style="text-align: center;">State</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Other</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table> Street or P.O. Box: City, Town or Village: Operator Phone #: State: Country Zip Code:	Owner Type:	Private	County	District	Federal	Indian	Municipal	State	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	Operator Type:	Private	County	District	Federal	Indian	Municipal	State	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>																
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VIOLATION?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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TYPE OF VIOLATION	MARK "X" AS APPROPRIATE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not a violation <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN: Cited for violation of 3745-52-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Short-Term/Temporary Generator (generates from a short-term or one-time event and not from on-going processes). Check the box for the applicable generator status and provide a comment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Large Quantity Generator (LQG) <input type="checkbox"/> Small Quantity Generator (SQG) <input type="checkbox"/> Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Importer of Hazardous Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Waste (Hazardous and Radioactive) Generator

TYPE OF REGULATED WASTE ACTIVITY (MARK "X" IN ALL OF THE APPROPRIATE BOXES)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste Transporter | <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Boiler and/or Industrial Furnace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Quantity On-Site Burner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treater, Storer or Disposer of Hazardous Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Smelting, Melting, Refining Furnace Exemption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycler of Hazardous Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Underground Injection Control Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 72-Hour Recycler | <input type="checkbox"/> Receives Hazardous Waste from Off-site |

UNIVERSAL WASTE ACTIVITIES (INDICATE TYPES OF UNIVERSAL WASTE MANAGED

(CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Quantity Handler of Universal Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Destination Facility for Universal Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Quantity Handler of Universal Waste
(accumulates 5,000 kg. or more) | |

CHECK ALL BOXES BELOW THAT APPLY FOR THE TYPES OF UNIVERSAL WASTE THE FACILITY MANAGES

- Batteries
- Pesticides
- Mercury containing equipment
- Lamps

USED OIL ACTIVITIES (INDICATE TYPE(S) OF ACTIVITY(S))

- Used Oil Generator
- Used Oil Transporter
- Used Oil Transfer Facility
- Used Oil Processor
- Used Oil Re-refiner
- Off-Specification Used Oil Burner
- Used Oil Fuel Marketer who directs shipment of Off-Spec Used Oil
- Used Oil Fuel Marketer who first claims the Used Oil meets the specifications

Eligible Academic Entities with Laboratories: Facility has previously notified that they are opting into managing laboratory hazardous waste pursuant to OAC rules 3745-52-200 through 3745-52-216. Check the box(es) below to indicate the laboratory type.

- College or University
- Teaching hospital that is owned by or has a formal written affiliation agreement with a college or university
- Non-profit Institute that is owned by or has a formal written affiliation agreement with a college or university

Waste Codes for Federally Regulated Hazardous Wastes. Please list the codes for the federally regulated hazardous waste handled at the site. List them in the order they are presented in the regulations (e.g., D001, D003, F007, U112). Use an additional page or list them in the comments if more space is needed. If the waste codes are the same as listed in the most recent RCRAInfo source record, you do not need to list them. Instead just indicate the date of the most recent source record.

COMMENTS: USE THIS AREA TO DESCRIBE WHETHER THE INSPECTION WAS ANNOUNCED, WHETHER THE WASTE IS STORED IN TANKS OR CONTAINERS, ETC.

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| Announced | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Additional Facility Representatives: |
| Tanks | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Containers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

Name of Inspector(s)
Ed D'Amato

Name of Inspector(s)
Robert Almquist

Date of Inspection/Time
(mm/dd/yyyy) (hh:mm)
04/14/2009

Comments: