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October 4, 2010

**RE: PHILLIPS CONTRACTORS SUPPLY, INC.
CUYAHOGA COUNTY
OHD 004 453 759
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Mr. James Beckett
Phillips Contractors Supply, Inc.
1800 East 30th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Mr. Beckett:

Thank you for accompanying me during Ohio EPA's September 17, 2010, compliance inspection of Phillips Contractors Supply, Inc. (Phillips) at 1800 East 30th, Cleveland, Ohio. I inspected Phillips to determine its compliance with Ohio's hazardous waste laws as found in Chapter 3734. of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 3745 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). I also inspected Phillips for compliance with Ohio's used oil and universal waste rules.

Phillips is a retailer of various supplies and equipment for contractors in the building, construction, and remodeling industries. The facility also rents various equipment used by these industries. At the time of the inspection, the facility was not a generator of hazardous waste. You indicated that Phillips had ceased generation of hazardous waste following your acquisition of the company in 1998. Phillips is, however, a generator of Universal Waste lamps. Enclosed you will find a copy of the checklist that I completed as a result of the inspection.

Phillips was found to be in violation of the following hazardous waste regulation found in Chapter 3745 of the Ohio Administrative Code. In order to correct this violation you must do the following and send me the required information **within 30 days** of your receipt of this letter:

- 1. Waste Evaluation, OAC 3745-52-11:** Any person who generates a waste must evaluate the waste to determine if it is a hazardous waste in accordance with the criteria set forth in OAC Chapter 3745-51. Phillips violated this regulation by disposing of waste lamps (primarily fluorescent lamps) as solid waste without determining whether or not the waste lamps were a hazardous waste. The waste fluorescent lamps contain mercury and may contain other hazardous metals. These may therefore be a hazardous waste.

As an alternative to determining whether your particular waste lamps are hazardous waste, you may wish to manage them as Universal Waste. In

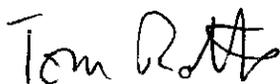
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general, this would involve saving the waste lamps in a properly labeled and closed container and having them recycled by a lamp recycler (see enclosure *Universal Waste Rules for Handlers of Lamps*).

To abate this violation, submit documentation of Phillips evaluation of the waste lamps in compliance with Ohio's hazardous waste regulations. If Phillips chooses to manage the waste lamps as Universal Waste and recycle the lamps through an approved lamp recycler, indicate this in your response letter.

Should you have any questions, I may be reached at (330) 963-1231. You can find copies of the rules and other information on the division's web page at: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/>.

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.

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

NOTE: 1. 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.

2. Inspectors can check BUSTR's web-site at https://www.comapps.ohio.gov/sfm/fire_apps/bust/bustr/PublicInquiry.asp to determine if a UST containing used oil is registered with BUSTR. Inspectors may call BUSTR at 614-752-7938 or a BUSTR site coordinator to report an unregistered UST or a UST that appears to not be in compliance with BUSTR regulations. A list of BUSTR coordinators by county are at: https://www.comapps.ohio.gov/sfm/fire_apps/bust/bustr/SearchByCounty.asp.

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

NOTE: For example, used oil contaminated scrap metal stored in a pile.

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)] Yes No N/A

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:	
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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.	Is the heater designed to have a maximum capacity of not more than 0.5 million BTU per hour?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c.	Are the combustion gases from heater vented to the ambient air?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>NOTE: Ash accumulated in a space heater must be managed in accordance with 3745-279-10(E).</i>		
GENERATOR TRANSPORTATION		
11.	Does the generator have the used oil hauled only by transporters that have obtained a U.S. EPA ID#? [3745-279-24]	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
12.	If the generator self-transport used oil to an approved collection site or to an aggregation point owned by the generator: [3745-279-24]	
a.	Does the generator transport used oil in a vehicle owned by the generator or an employee of the generator? [3745-279-24]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.	Does the generator transport more than 55 gallons of used oil at any time? [3745-279-24]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>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).</i>		
COLLECTION CENTERS AND AGGREGATION POINTS		
13.	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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.	Is the non-DIY used oil collection center registered with Ohio EPA? [3745-279-31]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15.	Is the used oil aggregation point in compliance with the generator standards in 3745-279-20 to 3745-279-24? [3745-279-32]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>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.</i>		