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Re: **Complaint #2731**
America's Best
Lucas County
OHR000150177
Hazardous Waste
3rd Notice of Violation/Partial Return to Compliance

June 26, 2009

Mr. Patel Pravin, Manager
America's Best
5502 Monroe Street
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Dear Mr. Pravin:

On February 4, 2008, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of America's Best (AB) located at 5502 Monroe Street in Sylvania, Ohio. On February 13, 2008, and May 16, 2008, you were sent Notice of Violation (NOV) letters which outlined the violation we found and what you needed to do to correct this violation. AB has failed to respond to the NOV letters and the violation cited remains outstanding. On June 9, 2009, I spoke with you regarding your return to compliance status. You stated that you were now managing your spent fluorescent bulbs as universal waste. On June 12, 2009, the Ohio EPA made a site visit to conduct a universal waste compliance inspection.

The following is a summary of the violation cited in the NOV which was sent to you on February 13, 2008, and May 16, 2008:

1. OAC Rule 3745-52-11: Waste Evaluation:

Any person who generates a waste must determine if that waste is a hazardous waste by using generator knowledge or by testing the waste.

AB failed to have waste evaluation documentation or an established recycling plan in place for the fluorescent bulbs generated at the facility.

Hazardous bulbs are considered "spent materials" and remain hazardous waste even when recycled. Hazardous waste lamp generators have the option of handling their lamps as hazardous waste or as universal waste. Managing hazardous waste lamps under the universal waste rules eases certain regulations imposed on generators of spent lamps.

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In addition, you can find copies of the rules and other information on the division's web page at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm>.

If you have any questions or if I can be of assistance, please contact me at (419) 373-3066.

Sincerely,



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| <p>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.</p> |
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| SMALL QUANTITY UNIVERSAL WASTE HANDLER REQUIREMENTS – BATTERIES AND LAMPS | | |
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| <i>Large Quantity Universal Waste Handler (LQUWH) = 5,000 Kg or more</i> | | |
| <i>Small Quantity Universal Waste Handler (SQUWH) = 5,000 Kg or less</i> | | |
| PROHIBITIONS | | |
| 1. | Did the SQUWH dispose of universal waste? [3745-273-11(A)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | Did the SQUWH dilute or treat universal waste, except when responding to releases as provided in OAC rule 3745-273-17 or managing specific wastes as provided in OAC rule 3745-273-13? [3745-273-11(B)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WASTE MANAGEMENT AND LABELING/MARKING | | |
| UNIVERSAL WASTE BATTERIES <i>No U.W. Batteries</i> | | |
| 3. | Are batteries that show evidence of leakage, spillage or damage that could cause leaks contained? [3745-273-13(A)(1)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | If batteries are contained, are the containers closed and structurally sound, compatible with the contents of the battery and lack evidence of leakage, spillage or damage that could cause leakage? [3745-273-13(A)(1)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. | Are the casings of the batteries breached, not intact, or open (except to remove the electrolyte)? [3745-273-13(A)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. | If the electrolyte is removed or other wastes generated, has it been determined whether the electrolyte or other wastes exhibit a characteristic of hazardous waste? [3745-273-13(A)(3)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| a. | If the electrolyte or other waste is characteristic, is it managed in compliance with OAC Chapters 3745-50 through 3745-69? [3745-273-13(A)(3)(a)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b. | If the electrolyte or other waste is not hazardous, is it managed in compliance with applicable law? [3745-273-13(A)(3)(b)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. | Are the batteries or containers of batteries labeled with the words "Universal Waste - Batteries" or "Waste Battery(ies)" or "Used Battery(ies)"? [3745-273-14(A)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| UNIVERSAL WASTE LAMPS | | |
| 8. | Does the SQUWH contain lamps in containers or packages that are structurally sound, adequate to prevent breakage, and compatible with contents of the lamps? Are containers or packages closed and do they lack evidence of leakage, spillage or damage that could cause leakage? [3745-273-13(D)(1)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. | Are lamps that show evidence of breakage, leakage or damage that could cause a release of mercury or hazardous constituents into the environment immediately cleaned up? Are they placed into a container that is closed, structurally sound, compatible with the contents of the lamps, and lack evidence of leakage, spillage or damage that could cause leakage or releases of mercury or hazardous waste constituents to the environment? [3745-273-13(D)(2)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <p>NOTE: Treatment (such as crushing) by a UWH is prohibited under this rule unless the facility is permitted for such activities [3745-273-31(B)]. A generator crushing lamps must manage lamps according to hazardous waste rules (OAC Chapter 3745-52). Lamp crushing is a form of generator treatment (OAC rule 3745-52-34). Crushed lamps must be transported by a registered hazardous waste transporter to a permitted hazardous waste facility using a hazardous waste manifest.</p> | | |
| 10. | Are the lamps or containers or packages of lamps labeled with the words "Universal Waste - Lamp(s)" or "Waste Lamp(s)" or "Used Lamp(s)"? [3745-273-14(E)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |

| ACCUMULATION TIME | | |
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| 11. | Is the waste accumulated for less than one year? [3745-273-15(A)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a. | If not, is the waste accumulated over one year in order to facilitate proper recovery, treatment or disposal? (Burden of proof is on the handler to demonstrate) [3745-273-15(B)] (this change makes it like the LQUWH checklist) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>NOTE: Accumulation is defined as date generated or date received from another handler.</i> | | |
| 12. | Is the handler able to demonstrate the length of time the universal waste has been accumulated? [3745-273-15(C)] <i>Facility had the bulbs that were in storage replaced on 2-19-08 by Southern Reflections.</i> If yes, describe below: | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| EMPLOYEE TRAINING | | |
| 13. | Are employees who handle or have the responsibility for managing universal waste informed of waste handling/emergency procedures, relative to their responsibilities? [3745-273-16] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| RESPONSE TO RELEASES | | |
| 14. | Are releases of universal waste and other residues immediately contained? [3745-273-17(A)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. | Is the material released characterized? [3745-273-17(B)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. | If the material released is a hazardous waste, was it managed as required in OAC Chapters 3745-50 through 3745-69? (If the waste is hazardous, the handler is considered the generator of the waste and is subject to OAC Chapter 3745-52) [3745-273-17(B)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| OFF-SITE SHIPMENTS | | |
| <i>NOTE: If a SQUWH self-transport waste, then the handler must comply with the Universal Waste transporter requirements.</i> | | |
| 17. | Are universal wastes sent to either another handler, destination facility or foreign destination? [3745-273-18(A)] <i>None shipped off-site to date.</i> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. | Is the handler aware of DOT requirements for packaging and shipping? If no, make aware of 49 CFR 171-180. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. | Prior to shipping universal waste off-site, does the originating handler ensure that the receiver agrees to receive the shipment? [3745-273-18(D)] (this change makes it like the LQUWH checklist) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. | Has the originating handler ever had an off-site shipment rejected by another handler or destination facility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| a. | If yes, did the originating handler receive the waste back or agree to where the shipment was sent? [3745-273-18(E)(2)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. | If a handler rejects a partial or full load from another handler, does the receiving handler contact the originating handler and discuss and do <u>one of the following</u> : | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| a. | Send the waste back to the originating handler or send the shipment to a destination facility (If both the originating and receiving handler agree)? [3745-273-18(F)(2)] (this change makes it like the LQUWH checklist) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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| 22. | If the handler received a shipment of hazardous waste that was not a universal waste, did the SQUWH immediately notify Ohio EPA? [3745-273-18(G)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| EXPORTS | | |
| 23. | Is waste being sent to a foreign destination? If so: | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> |
| a. | Does the small quantity handler comply with primary exporter requirements in OAC rules 3745-52-53, 3745-52-56, and 3745-52-57? [3745-273-20(A)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b. | Is waste exported only upon consent of the receiving country and in conformance with the U.S. EPA "Acknowledgment of Consent" as defined in OAC rules 3745-52-50 to 3745-52-57? [3745-273-20(B)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c. | Is a copy of the U.S. EPA "Acknowledgment of Consent" provided to the transporter? [3745-273-20(C)] | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |