

**Environmental
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May 26, 2011

**GALLIA COUNTY
GENERAL FILE
(AM COMMODITIES, LLC)
DHWM/SEDO
NON NOTIFIER
OHR000164251**

Mr. Mark Dickson
AM Commodities
447 Franklin Town House Road
Jackson, Ohio 45640

Dear Mr. Dickson:

On May 1, 2011, Ohio EPA received a complaint alleging that you had leaking drums of used oil and scrap tires stored on your property. Additionally, the complaint alleged that wastewater from your #1 lagoon was being pumped out directly to the lower field. On May 19, 2011, Melody Stewart and I performed a complaint investigation of your company to determine the validity of the complaint and to determine its compliance with Ohio's hazardous waste laws and regulations as found in Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 3745 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

During the investigation, we found that several drums of used oil are stored near the shop building and in the wood-line behind the shop. We also observed that approximately 20 to 30 scrap tires had been gathered into a pile and saw several more around the shop area. You stated that you already were gathering up the tires for disposal by Pike Sanitation. At the time of the inspection, we could not determine whether pond #1 had been pumped directly to the lower field.

Therefore, based on our investigation, we observed the following violations of the hazardous waste regulations:

- (1) **Used oil storage requirements for generators, OAC Rule 3745-279-22(D):**
Upon detection of a release of used oil... a generator shall perform the following cleanup steps: (1) stop the release; (2) contain the released used oil; (3) clean up and properly manage the released used oil and other materials; and (4) if necessary, to prevent future releases, repair or replace any leaking used oil storage containers or tanks prior to returning them to service.

We observed several fifty-five gallon drums containing used oil were behind the shop building and in the nearby brush were leaking, overflowing or in poor condition. You stated that you do not generate used oil at this site and that these drums were left from the former owners. As we discussed, to demonstrate compliance with this rule, please provide copies of receipts from a used-oil transporter showing that these drums (or the used oil) have been removed from the site and provide photographs and disposal receipts for the contaminated soils.

- (2) **Used oil storage requirements for generators, OAC rule 3745-279-22(C):**
Paragraph (C): Containers and aboveground tanks used to store used oil at generator facilities shall be marked clearly with the words "Used Oil."

The drums and containers cited above were not labeled Used Oil. The receipts for the proper disposal of the used oil, as requested above, are sufficient to demonstrate compliance with this rule.

Based on our investigation, we observed the following violations of the solid waste regulations:

ORC 3734.03 states in part:

No person shall dispose of solid wastes by open dumping or open burning. . .

OAC 3745-27-05(C) states:

No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping. In the event that open dumping is occurring or has occurred at a property, the person(s) responsible for the open dumping, the owner of the property, or the person(s) who allow or allowed open dumping to occur, shall promptly remove and dispose or otherwise manage the solid waste in accordance with Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code, and shall submit verification that the solid waste has been properly managed.

As stated above, we observed scrap tires improperly stored/disposed at your site.

Improper storage of scrap tires poses several potential problems for the local residents, environment, and emergency crews in the area. Scrap tires provide an optimal breeding ground for mosquitoes. Mosquitoes identified at tire piles in Ohio can carry St. Louis Encephalitis, La Crosse Encephalitis, Yellow Fever, Dengue Fever and West Nile Virus. Scrap tire fires are a source of air pollution and can cause respiratory problems for those that breathe the smoke. Tire fires are also difficult for emergency crews to extinguish.

Ohio law requires that anyone removing scrap tires for disposal must take the tires to either a licensed or registered scrap tire collection, recovery or disposal facility. Anyone transporting more than ten (10) scrap tires must be registered with Ohio EPA as a Scrap Tire Transporter. Copies of receipts for disposal or recycling should be submitted to this office for proof of disposal.

Please respond to this correspondence within 14 days of receipt. Your response should include details of your actions taken to properly dispose or recycle the current waste on your property.

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I have provided a copy of the checklists used to evaluate your facility's compliance. Additional information on the hazardous waste rules, pollution prevention assessments and other useful information is available on Ohio EPA's website at www.epa.state.oh.us. If you have any questions regarding waste management or pollution prevention activities, please call me at (740) 380-5278.

Sincerely,



Richard Stewart
District Representative
Division of Material and Waste Management

RS/mlm

Cc: Dan Messerly, DSW-SEDO (w/o attachment)

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.

Send to Central Office <input type="checkbox"/>	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency RCRA SUBTITLE C SITE IDENTIFICATION/VERIFICATION FORM	For Ohio EPA use only
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Completed verification forms required to be submitted to CO should be e-mailed to paula.canter@epa.state.oh.us.

Site EPA ID No.	EPA ID Number: Non-not	
Site Name	Name: AM Commodities, LLC	Website: (Optional)
Site Location Information	Street Address: 9035 State Route 588	
	City, Town, or Village: Rio Grande	State: OH
	County Name: Gallia	Zip Code: 45674
Site Land Type (check only one) NAICS code(s) www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>
	District <input type="checkbox"/>	Federal <input type="checkbox"/>
	Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal <input type="checkbox"/>
	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>

Facility Representative	First Name: Mark	MI:	Last Name: Dickson
Additional names can be recorded in number 12 Only provide address information if it is different than the site address	Title: owner		
	Phone Number: 740-645-7617		Phone Number Extension:
	E-Mail Address:		
	Fax Number:		Fax Number Extension:
	Street or P.O. Box: 447 Franklin Town House Road		
	City, Town or Village: Jackson		Zip Code: 45640
	State: OH		

Legal Owner And Operator of the Site. List Additional Owners and/or Operators in the Comment Section or on another copy of this form page	Name of Site's Legal Owner:		Date Became Owner (mm/dd/yyyy):	
	Owner Type:	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	District <input type="checkbox"/>
		Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal <input type="checkbox"/>
		State <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
	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):	
	Operator Type:	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	District <input type="checkbox"/>
		Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal <input type="checkbox"/>
		State <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Street or P.O. Box:			
	City, Town or Village:		Operator Phone #:	
	State:		Country:	Zip Code:

VIOLATIONS CITED?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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TYPE OF HANDLER - MARK "X" AS APPROPRIATE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not a HW Generator	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN: Cited for violation of 3745-52-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Large Quantity Generator (LQG)
	<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"/> 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)

<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 Exemption
<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.

Announced Yes No Additional Facility Representatives:

Tanks Yes No

Containers Yes No

Name of Inspector(s) Rich Stewart	Name of Inspector(s) Melody Stewart	Date of Inspection/Time (mm/dd/yyyy) (hh:mm) 5/19/11 10:15
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Comments:

**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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
a.	Is the surface impoundment or waste pile regulated as a hazardous waste management unit? [3745-279-12(A)]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Is off-specification used oil fuel burned for energy recovery in devices specified in 3745-279-12(C)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
a.	Is the mixture managed as specified in 3745-279-10(B)? [3745-279-21(A)]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7.	Are containers and aboveground tanks used to store used oil in good condition with no visible leaks? [3745-279-22(B)]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Are containers, above ground tanks, and fill pipes used for underground tanks clearly labeled or marked "Used Oil?" [3745-279-22(C)]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Has the generator, upon detection of a release of used oil, done the following: [3745-279-22(D)]	
a.	Stopped the release?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
b.	Contained the release?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
c.	Cleaned up and properly managed the used oil and other materials?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
d.	Repaired or replaced the containers or tanks prior to returning them to service, if necessary?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

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 that	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

	0.5 million BTU per hour	
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"/>

NOTE: Ash accumulated in a space heater must be managed in accordance with 3745-279-10(E).

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 type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" 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"/>

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

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"/>

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.

PROCESS, WASTE, P2 SUMMARY SHEET

Facility Name: AM Commodities, LLC **Facility Type:** LQG SQG CESQG TSD Non-Generator **Date of Inspection:** 5/19/11
EPA ID# Non-Notifier

Waste Generated			On- or Off-Site Management		P2 Activities	
Process/Activity Generating Waste <small>(e.g. plating bath, machining, baghouse, painting, general maintenance, etc)</small>	Waste Description <small>(e.g. sludge, solvent, ash, used oil, spent lamps, etc.) and EPA Waste Code, if applic.</small>	QTY Generated per Month, Type of Accumulation (container, tank, etc) and location of waste accumulation area	Type of On-Site Treatment <small>(recycle, wwt, etc)</small>	Name, state, and type of activity occurring at the off-site facility.	Current P2 Activities	P2 Opportunities
1	Oil water separation	Oily wastewater	unknown	Pond #1	NA	Oil is collected from pond #1 occasionally
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REMARKS-GENERAL INFORMATION

General Process Information:

AM Commodities collects and refines cooking oils, grease and other edible oils. Physical separation to remove water oil is performed, no hazardous wastes are currently generated.

Regulatory/Enforcement History (if applicable):

No information was found in DHWM's files.

Additional P2 remarks and information:

A small amount of solid waste is currently generated.

Would this facility be interested in a P2 assessment? Yes* No *If yes, refer promptly to your district P2 coordinator.

Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention - 1-800-329-7518 or p2mail@epa.state.oh.us or www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/ocapp.html

Other:

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

CESQG: ≤100Kg. (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:

WASTE EVALUATION

1.	Have all wastes generated at the facility been adequately evaluated? [3745-52-11]	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
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GENERATOR CLASSIFICATION

2.	Does the generator produce <100 kg. of hazardous waste per month? [conditionally exempt small quantity generator ("CESQG")]	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
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NOTE: If quantities of hazardous waste accumulated on-site at any one time exceed 1,000 Kg. - or the generator produces between 100 and 1,000 Kg. of hazardous waste per month, it is operating as a Small Quantity Generator ("SQG"). If so, complete the Small Quantity Generator Requirements checklist.

OFF-SITE SHIPMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

3.	Does the CESQG ensure delivery of hazardous waste(s) to an off-site permitted TSD? [3734.02(F)]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

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

NOTE: Complete appropriate checklist for each unit.

NOTE: If the CESQG conducts treatment they are subject to the LQG requirements.

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

MIX HAZARDOUS WASTE WITH USED OIL

5.	Does the CESQG mix its hazardous waste with used oil for the purpose of burning for energy recovery? [3745-51-05(J)] If so:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
	a. Does the CESQG manage the mixture in accordance with 3745-279-21?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Facility does not generate hazardous waste at this time.