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**JEFFERSON COUNTY
HORVATH STREET RODS
DHWM/SEDO
OHD018389338**

Mr. Tom Horvath
Steel Valley Rod & Custom
118 Ashland Avenue
Canonsburg, PA 15317-1727

Dear Mr. Horvath:

In response to the Notice of Violation letters Ohio EPA sent to you, dated August 14, 2007 and October 9, 2007, the following actions occurred. On September 11, 2007, Global Environmental e-mailed me a signed waste profile for the waste abandoned in the parking lot of 711 Franklin Street, where you had previously operated Horvath Street Rods. The waste profile identified this waste as D001, F003, F005 hazardous waste. On October 19, 2007, John Rochotte and I observed Safety-Kleen's removal of two drums of hazardous waste from the parking lot of Horvath Street Rods' closed facility. A third drum was determined to be empty. A 5-gallon metal container at the property was determined to contain used oil. The used oil was taken by your workers to your body shop in Pennsylvania for burning in a used oil space heater.

My review of the waste profile and direct observation of hazardous waste removal by Safety-Kleen adequately demonstrates abatement of all violations cited in the August 14, 2007 and October 9, 2007 Notices of Violation.

On December 17, 2007, John Rochotte, Rich Stewart and I did a walk through of Horvath Street Rods' closed facility. Horvath Street Rods was represented by Ricky, your employee. In the area of the building that was used as a paint mixing room, we observed 15 one-gallon sized containers that contained varying amounts of paint. There were also 7 quart sized paint containers and two one-gallon plastic jugs. Used oil was being stored in the basement in two 5-gallon containers and on the first floor there was one drum of used oil. The contents of a half full 30-gallon drum were identified by Ricky as parts washer solvent. There were drum sized circular stains on the floor in several areas of the building. There was also a trail of staining running through the two rooms where cars were being stored and through the paint mix room. From the observation of a dolly, wheel tracks and stain markings on the floor, it appeared that one or more leaking/spilling containers had been moved on the dolly through the facility.

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On December 19, 2007, you and I spoke by phone. During our conversation, you stated that Ricky had collected all the paint cans in the facility and brought them back to your shop in Pennsylvania the same day we had done the walk through. Your plans are to also remove the used oil to Pennsylvania for use in a used oil burning space heater. Additionally, you reported that you wanted to use the parts washer solvent in your Pennsylvania shop. You stated that at your current body shop you have your used parts washer solvent collected periodically by Safety-Kleen.

At this time, Ohio EPA is not requiring any further action at the former Horvath Street Rods' property.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (740) 380-5248.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Specialist
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cc: Wendell Reese, Sr.

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.