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**MORGAN COUNTY
GENERAL FILE
(EZ GROUT)
DHWM/SEDO
NON NOTIFIER**

Mr. Dan Kern
EZ Grout
1833 N. Riverview Road
Malta, Ohio 45758

Dear Mr. Kern:

Thank you for EZ Grout's February 13, 2008 response to Ohio EPA's January 15, 2008 Notice of Violation (NOV) letter. The documentation submitted by Mr. Mike West of EZ Grout included a waste evaluation of solvent wipers and used oil which was mixed with conditionally exempt quantities of hazardous waste, a manifest for disposal of drums of the above-described used oil, a description of how the above-described used oil which leaked onto a concrete pad was cleaned up, and a photograph of the concrete driveway where drums of used oil had been stored. In addition, you included documentation that indicates that wastewater generated in your wash bay will be sent to the Village of Connellsville wastewater treatment plant for treatment and disposal in an NPDES-permitted treatment system. Also, you included a description of how solvent wipers will be managed in the future.

My review of this documentation reveals that EZ Grout has now abated all violations discovered during the January 7, 2008 inspections of both the old and new facilities.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- (a) Ohio EPA recommends that EZ Grout find an alternative to lacquer thinner which is currently used with cloth wipers to remove markings from metal parts. There are several non hazardous products on the market which may prove adequate for your cleaning needs and thus would not require the wipers to be disposed as a hazardous waste when spent. Rather than manifesting the wipers offsite as a hazardous waste (\$140 per 30-gallon drum twice a year according to your calculations), wipers could either be disposed of as a solid waste in your regular trash collection, or preferably, laundered by an industrial launderer and reused, offsetting the cost of purchasing new rags. In addition, your employees would not be exposed to a hazardous product (lacquer thinner). I previously sent you a list

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of industrial laundries and encourage you to contact them for prices for laundering nonhazardous rags, once you identify a non-hazardous product that works for your company. If you would like assistance with identifying alternative products, please contact me.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (740) 380-5293.

Sincerely,



Donna Goodman
District Representative
Division of Hazardous Waste Management

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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.