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**MUSKINGUM COUNTY  
GENERAL FILE  
(RITCHEY SIGN COMPANY)  
DHWM/SEDO  
NON NOTIFIER  
OHR000152991**

Mr. Joe Ritchey, Sr.  
Ritchey Sign Company  
P.O. Box 2002  
Zanesville, Ohio 43702-2002

Dear Mr. Ritchey:

On March 6, 2009, Ohio EPA received a complaint alleging that drums of chemicals or wastes had been abandoned at your property at 2055 Grief Road in Zanesville. On March 9, 2009, Melody Stewart and I performed a complaint investigation of your company with Joe Ritchey, Jr. 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 eight drums in poor condition are located at the property. Based on the waste manifest I received on June 17, 2009, Ritchey Sign Company has returned to compliance with the following hazardous waste regulations:

- (i) **OAC rule 3745-52-11 Hazardous waste determination;**
- (ii) **Used oil storage requirements for generators, OAC Rule 3745-279-22(D);** and
- (iii) **Used oil storage requirements for generators, OAC rule 3745-279-22(C).**

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](http://www.epa.state.oh.us). If you have any questions regarding waste management or pollution prevention activities, please call me at (740) 380-5278. If you have any pollution prevention questions or would be interested in a pollution prevention assessment, please call Donna Goodman at (740) 380-5293.

Sincerely,

Richard Stewart  
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.