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**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Mr. Mark S. Lewis, President  
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420 Ft. Duquesne Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**RE: RRI OF OHIO, MAHONING COUNTY  
NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NOV)**

Dear Mr. Lewis:

On December 29, 2009, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM) Northeast District Office (NEDO) conducted an inspection of RRI of Ohio, a previously licensed Class II Scrap Tire Recovery Facility (Facility) located at 1165 Brittain Street in Youngstown, Ohio, to determine compliance with Ohio's scrap tire facility closure rules and open dumping laws. RRI of Ohio's failure to apply for a 2010 facility license, Ohio EPA's November 2, 2009 final denial of RRI of Ohio's 2009 facility license, and RRI of Ohio's failure to timely appeal the 2009 license denial have triggered mandatory closure for RRI of Ohio's Class II Scrap Tire Recovery Facility.

Pursuant to Ohio EPA's November 2, 2009, final license denial, Order 2 required RRI of Ohio to *"immediately cease acceptance of scrap tires at the Facility and...commence final closure activities in accordance with the applicable provisions of OAC Rule 3745-27-66."* (emphasis added).

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-66(A), closure activities are mandatory for a scrap tire recovery facility if the license held by the facility has expired, a further license has been applied for and denied, and all remedies for such denial have either been exhausted, or waived by failure to pursue such remedies in a timely manner.

**Mandatory Closure**

Failure to implement mandatory closure of RRI of Ohio's Class II Scrap Tire Recovery Facility is a violation of the following:

1. **OAC Rule 3745-27-66(C)** states, in part, *"[i]n closing the facility, the owner or operator implementing the closure shall do the following:*

*(1) Not less than sixty days prior to the anticipated date upon which the [facility] will cease to accept scrap tires, provide written notice...to all of the following:*

- (a) The single or joint solid waste management district...in which the facility is located or which is served by the facility;*
- (b) The board of Health in which the facility is located;*
- (c) The local fire department; and,*
- (d) The director [of Ohio EPA].*

*(2) At the time the...facility has ceased to accept scrap tires, the facility owner or operator shall post signs in such a manner as to be easily visible at all entrances to the facility, stating that the facility is closed for all scrap tire activities.*

*(3) Not later than thirty days after a scrap tire...recovery facility has ceased to accept scrap tires, the facility owner shall do the following:*

- (a) Remove all scrap tires;*
- (b) Remove any solid waste remaining on site and dispose of them at a facility authorized to dispose of such waste;*
- (c) Clean all areas of the facility and any appurtenances; and,*
- (d) Submit the final annual report for the facility, as required by paragraph (J)(3) of OAC Rule 3745-27-65, to the director.*

RRI of Ohio was required to cease acceptance of scrap tires at the Facility and begin implementing closure of the Facility as of November 2, 2009. RRI of Ohio was also required under OAC Rule 3745-27-66(C)(3) to remove all scrap tires and solid waste thirty days after ceasing acceptance of scrap tires, or thirty days after Ohio EPA's November 2, 2009 final license denial at the very latest. RRI of Ohio's failure to implement closure activities and remove scrap tires and solid waste from the Facility by December 2, 2009 is a violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-66(C) and Ohio EPA's November 2, 2009 final license denial, Order 2.

### **Open Dumping**

2. **ORC Section 3734.03** states, in part, that "[n]o person shall dispose of solid wastes by open burning or open dumping...."

**OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C)** states that "[n]o 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."

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During the inspection, I observed an estimated 14,220 passenger tire equivalents (PTE), to include a large pile of tire sidewalls, roughly 1,200 whole tires, a 6'x6'x4' pile of tire shred, three to four small piles of whole tires, and numerous small piles of tire shred open dumped within the Facility. RRI of Ohio's failure to remove this material from the unlicensed Facility is in violation of ORC Section 3734.03 and OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C).

Immediate actions must be taken by you to bring the Facility into compliance, including, but not limited to, proper removal and disposal of the estimated 14,220 PTEs made up of tire sidewalls, whole scrap tires, and tire shreds. RRI of Ohio shall immediately begin closure of the Facility per OAC Rule 3745-27-66 and the Facility's Final Closure Plan.

Nothing in this letter shall be construed to authorize any waiver from any requirements of applicable state solid waste laws or regulations. This letter shall not be interpreted to release the owner or operator of the facility or others from responsibility under ORC Chapters 3704., 3714., 3734. or 6111; under the Federal Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, or the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; or from other applicable requirements for remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants to the environment.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at (330) 963-1103, or [joshua.adams@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:joshua.adams@epa.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,



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