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RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
OPEN DUMPING

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Dear Sirs:

On July 21, 2011, Gerald Murphy representing the Cleveland Health Department and I, representing the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), conducted a site investigation on the property located at 2285 Ashland Road (subject property) in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. During the investigation, I observed open dumping of solid waste and scrap tires, and illegal disposal of construction and demolition debris on the subject property.

I conducted an inspection of the subject property as a follow-up to previous inspections conducted on February 24, 2005, March 23, 2006, March 13, 2007, and August 3, 2010 by Ohio EPA Division of Materials and Waste Management (DMWM). The purpose of my inspection was to determine compliance with Ohio's solid waste and construction and demolition debris rules. At the time of the inspection, vegetation on the property made it difficult to determine the size and extent of many of the debris piles.

Upon completing my inspection of the subject property, I determined that the following violations of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) continue to exist at the subject property:

Illegal Disposal of Construction and Demolition Debris (C&DD): During this inspection C&DD wastes, including but not limited to, several concrete piles (see picture #1), several pulverized concrete piles (see picture #2), several piles containing lumber, concrete and brick (see pictures # 3), and a 450 foot by 80 foot area along Ashland Road containing dimensional lumber and brick (see pictures # 4-5) were observed illegally disposed of on this property. In order to return to compliance with all applicable laws and rules, the owner(s) of this property must immediately remove all C&DD illegally disposed on this

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property and properly dispose of it at a licensed C&DD or solid waste disposal facility. Receipts providing proof of disposal at a licensed C&DD or solid waste facility must be provided to Ohio EPA. The owner(s) of this property must also take all necessary measures to prevent C&DD from being illegally disposed on this property.

The illegal disposal of C&DD on this property is a violation of the following laws and rules:

- ORC Section 3714.06(A): "No person shall establish, modify, operate, or maintain a construction and demolition debris facility without a construction and demolition debris facility installation and operation license issued by...the director of environmental protection."

- ORC Section 3714.13(A): "No person shall violate any section of this chapter."

- ORC Section 3714.13(B): "No person shall violate a rule adopted under this chapter."

- OAC Rule 3745-400-04(B): "No person shall conduct or allow illegal disposal of construction and demolition debris, as defined in rule 3745-400-01 of the Administrative Code."

- OAC Rule 3745-37-01(C): "No person shall establish, modify, operate or maintain a construction and demolition debris facility without a construction and demolition debris facility license issued by the licensing authority..."

1. Open Dumping of Solid Waste: During this inspection solid waste, including but not limited to household waste, household appliance parts, plastics, pallets, and automobile parts were observed open dumped, on this property (see pictures #6-7). In order to return to compliance with all applicable laws and rules, the owner(s) of this property must immediately remove all solid waste open dumped on this property and properly dispose of it at a licensed solid waste disposal facility. Receipts providing proof of disposal at a licensed solid waste facility must be provided to Ohio EPA. The owner(s) of this property must also take all necessary measures to prevent additional solid waste from being open dumped on this property.

   The open dumping of solid waste on this property is a violation of the following laws and rules:

   - ORC Section 3734.03: "No person shall dispose of solid wastes by open burning or open dumping..."

- ORC Section 3734.02(C): "...no person shall establish a new solid waste facility...without submitting an application for a permit...and receiving a permit issued by the director..."

- ORC Section 3734.05(A)(1): "...no person shall operate or maintain a solid waste facility without a license issued under this division...by the director of environmental protection..."

- ORC Section 3734.05(A)(2): "...each person proposing to open a new solid waste facility...shall submit an application for a permit...to the environmental protection agency for required approval under the rules adopted under division (D) of section 3734.121 of the Revised Code at least two hundred seventy days before proposed operation of the facility..."

- ORC Section 3734.11(A): "No person shall violate any section of this chapter, any rule adopted under it, or any order issued under section 3734.13 of the Revised Code."

- OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C): "No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping."

- OAC Rule 3745-37-01(A): "No person shall conduct municipal solid waste landfill...operations without possessing a separate, valid license for each such operation, as required by Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code and the Administrative Code rules adopted thereunder. Each license shall be obtained from...the director..."

2. Open Dumping of Scrap Tires: During this inspection Ohio EPA observed scrap tires open dumped at your property. In addition to scrap tires being mixed in with the C&DD and solid waste piles, large amounts of tires are located along the eastern side of the property along the railroad tracks spanning the entire length of the property (see pictures #8-10).

   The owner(s) of the property where the scrap tires are open dumped is in violation because they have either open dumped scrap tires or allowed scrap tires to be open dumped. The open dumping of scrap tires at this location is a violation of the following:

   - ORC Section 3734.03: "No person shall dispose of solid wastes by open burning or open dumping, except as authorized by the director of environmental protection..."

- OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C): "No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping."

3. Failure to Control Mosquitoes: Ohio EPA observed live mosquito larvae in the scrap tires open dumped at your property.

The owner(s) of the property where the scrap tires are open dumped is in violation because they have failed to control the breeding of mosquitoes in the scrap tires. The failure to control the breeding of mosquitoes in the scrap tires open dumped at this location is a violation of the following:

- OAC Rule 3745-27-60(C): "Anyone storing scrap tires shall maintain mosquito control as follows:

  (1) One or more of the following shall be done to control mosquitoes:

    (a) Remove liquids from scrap tires within twenty-four hours of accepting the scrap tires.

    (b) Store scrap tires such that water does not accumulate in scrap tires or containers. Tires shall be kept free of water at all times.

    (c) Within twenty-four hours of accepting scrap tires containing liquid, arrange for the application of a pesticide or larvicide, which is registered for use as mosquito control by the Ohio department of agriculture.

  (2) Maintain mosquito control by keeping all tires dry or by continuing applications of a pesticide or larvicide to all scrap tires stored outdoors at no greater than thirty-day intervals or as recommended by the manufacturer or formulator.

  (3) Maintain mosquito control records at the premises indicating the name, type, amount used per tire, and EPA registration number of the pesticide or larvicide, the date and time of the application, and the name of the person who applied the pesticide or larvicide. The property owner of the owner or operator of the premises shall make the mosquito control records available for inspection by the director or the health commissioner during normal operating hours. The owner or operator shall retain copies of mosquito control records for a minimum period of three years.

Please also note that pursuant to OAC 3745-27-60(D)(2), the owner(s) of the property is required to apply larvicide within 24 hours of Ohio EPA's inspection and written notification of the discovery of the mosquito larvae on the property.

In order to return to compliance with all applicable laws and rules, the owner(s) of this property must immediately remove all scrap tires from this property and transport them via a scrap tire transporter which is registered with the State of Ohio, to a scrap tire disposal facility which is authorized by the State of Ohio.

Please address the above violations as well as OAC 3745-60(D)(2) immediately, and notify me, in writing, within 30 days of receiving this letter. The response should indicate the measures which have been taken to correct these violations.

Nothing in this letter shall be construed to authorize any waiver from the requirements of any applicable state or federal laws or regulations. This letter shall not be interpreted to release, or others, from responsibility under Chapters 3704., 3714., 3734., or 6111. of the Ohio Revised Code or under the Federal Clean Water or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Acts remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants to the environment.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1133 or preferably, e-mail me at "jennifer.carlin@epa.state.oh.us."

Sincerely,

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