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April 3, 2009

RE. **RAVENNA TIRE  
NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Marty Emmett  
Commercial Center Manager  
Ravenna Tire  
480 Cleveland Road  
Ravenna, OH 44266-2020

Dear Mr. Emmett:

On April 2, 2009, I (Jarnal Singh), of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Northeast District Office, met with you at the Ravenna Tire facility located at 480 Cleveland Road in Ravenna. The purpose for my visit was to investigate an alleged complaint of open dumping of scrap tires and rubber tire inner tubes at the back of the Ravenna Tire property.

During my visit, you accompanied me on an inspection of the section of the property in question. During the inspection we observed scrap tires and tire inner tubes dumped on the ground within a fenced in area at the rear of your property. Rubber inner tubes were also observed to be tangled up in trees and in the chain linked fencing. A small number of tires were observed on the ditch embankment which runs alongside the Ravenna Tire property and a small pile of railroad ties and scrap tires existed just outside the gates to the fenced in area. The inspection identified that the open dumping complaint was justified. As such, the following violations of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) exist at the property:

1. **Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.03** which states in part, "*No person shall dispose of solid wastes by open burning or open dumping,*" and
2. **Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-27-05(C)** which states "*No person shall conduct, permit or allow open dumping.*"

Solid Waste in the form of scrap tires and rubber inner tubes are open dumped on your property.

Upon completion of the inspection, you stated that you would have the tires and inner tubes cleaned up by April 13, 2009. Ohio EPA will re-inspect the property the week of April 13, 2009, to determine the degree of compliance. You are advised to remove all the

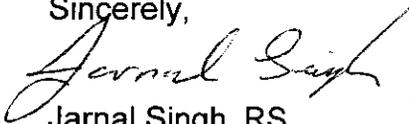
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rubber inner tubes and scrap tires observed during the April 2, 2009, inspection. Any scrap tires stored at this property must be stored in compliance with OAC 3745-27-60 (General Storage and Handling of Scrap Tires). Scrap tires may not be buried on site and must be transported by a registered scrap tire transporter. Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in escalated enforcement action being taken by this Agency.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (330) 963-1276, or by email at [Jarnal.Singh@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:Jarnal.Singh@epa.state.oh.us).

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 the Entity 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 for remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants to the environment.

Sincerely,



Jarnal Singh, RS  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management

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