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June 29, 2009

Mr. Mark S. Lewis, President
RRI of Ohio, Inc.
One Gateway Center, Suite 500
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Pittsburgh, PA 15222

**RE: SCRAP TIRE RECOVERY FACILITY COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTION
NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NOV)**

Dear Mr. Lewis:

On June 29, 2009, I conducted a comprehensive inspection of the Class II Scrap Tire Recovery Facility (Facility) and adjacent buildings located at 1165 Brittain Street, Youngstown (Mahoning County), Ohio (the Property). The purpose for the inspection was to determine compliance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-27-65 and Ohio's open dumping laws. Katharina Snyder of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management (DSIWM), was also present for the inspection. We were met and accompanied by Greg Booker of RRI of Ohio, Inc. (RRI) during this inspection.

During the inspection, it was noted that approximately 200 truck tires (still on rims) remained in the red brick loading dock located to the east of the facility. Since the March 11, 2009 inspection, the large, unauthorized tire shred pile, approximately 170' L x 18' W x 10' H, which was located to the north of the authorized tire shred pile area, has been removed. At the time of the inspection, however, the shipping papers for the removal and disposal of these shreds (conducted by Liberty Tire in Minerva, Ohio, according to Mr. Booker) were unavailable for review. Mr. Booker explained that the Facility building was recently broken into and the shipping papers had been stolen. According to Mr. Booker, a police report was filed on the incident, which will be forwarded to Ohio EPA for the files. Until Ohio EPA can review the missing shipping papers, it cannot be verified that the tire shreds were properly transported from the property and properly disposed of at a licensed scrap tire facility.

As you are well aware, scrap tires and tire shreds may only be stored in the approved temporary scrap tire storage areas identified in the RRI of Ohio, Inc. scrap tire registration document. Tires stored in the above-identified building on the Property are not being stored in areas approved for the temporary storage of scrap tires. All tires not stored in compliance with RRI's scrap tire registration document must immediately be removed from those areas and transported by an Ohio EPA registered transporter to an alternative licensed or registered scrap tire facility.

Storage of scrap tires in the above-mentioned building is in violation of the following:

- 1) **OAC Rule 3745-27-65(D)(4)** which states in part, *"The owner or operator shall store only scrap tires in the temporary scrap tire storage area."*

In violation of OAC 3745-27-65(D)(4), scrap tires were stored in areas not approved for the temporary storage of scrap tires. Scrap tires, including those to be transported for resale, may only be stored in the approved temporary storage areas. Excess tires must be immediately removed from the buildings not authorized for storage on the Property by either processing them or by transporting them to an appropriately licensed facility.

- 2) **Failure to apply to Ohio EPA for a Modification to the Facility**

OAC Rule 3745-27-61(A)(1)(b) states *"prior to modifying a facility, an application for a registration certificate to modify the facility...shall be submitted to the director through the appropriate district office at least ninety days prior to the date on which the owner or operator proposes to modify the facility. "Modification" of a class II scrap tire storage facility or a class II scrap tire recovery facility is defined the same as "modification" is defined for a class I scrap tire storage facility or class I scrap tire recovery facility in paragraph (C)(6) or rule 3745-27-02 of the Administrative Code."*

In violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-61(A)(1)(b), RRI failed to submit an application to Ohio EPA at least ninety days prior to modifying its class II scrap tire recovery facility by the addition of a class II scrap tire storage facility.

Pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-27-61(B), "An application for a registration certificate as required by section 3734.75, 3734.76, or 3734.78 of the Revised Code, shall be submitted to and approved by the director, before the establishment or modification of the scrap tire collection, class II scrap tire storage, or class II scrap tire recovery facility is begun."

In violation of OAC Rule 3745-27-61(B), RRI failed to submit an application for and receive a registration certificate from Ohio EPA prior to collection and storage of scrap tires in buildings other than the building housing its class II scrap tire recovery facility.

- 3) **Open Dumping**

Under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3734.01(E) and OAC Rule 3745-27-01(S)(24) "solid waste" includes scrap tires. Scrap tires must be properly stored and managed in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-60. Improper storage of scrap tires is considered open dumping of solid waste and is a violation of ORC Section 3734.03 and OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C).

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Pursuant to ORC Section 3734.03 and OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C), "No 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.

Immediate actions must be taken by you to bring the Property back into compliance. Please submit, within 15 days of your receipt of this letter, a detailed account of all the tires currently stored at the Property (include the type, number and location of all the tires). Also indicate what actions have been or are being taken to address the violations. Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (330) 963-1103.

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.

Sincerely,



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