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Re: Qualitec Metal Finishers, Inc.
OHD041350745
Mercer County
NOV/RTC

April 27, 2007

Mr. Jon Kriegel
Qualitec Metal Finishers, Inc.
441 Grand Lake Road
Celina, Ohio 45822

Dear Mr. Kriegel:

On April 11, 2007, Kara Reynolds and I inspected Qualitec Metal Finishers, Inc. located at 441 Grand Lake Road in Celina, Ohio. The compliance evaluation inspection was completed to determine Qualitec Metal Finishers, (hereafter referenced as QMF) compliance with Ohio's hazardous waste laws and regulations as adopted under chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and chapter 3745 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). Our inspection included a tour of the facility and paperwork review. We also discussed pollution prevention. This letter will explain the violations we found and what you need to do to correct the violations.

QMF has four zinc electroplating lines (two barrel/two rack lines), two phosphate lines (one barrel/one rack), one electroless nickel and one black oxide line. QMF plates parts for the auto and agriculture industries. Hazardous wastes generated include electroplating sludge (F006).

QMF and Ohio EPA have come to the conclusion that the waste water filter press sludge you generate is no longer considered a listed F006 hazardous waste. No other hazardous characteristics were determined as a result of analytical you had completed. An interpretation letter was sent to you on April 13, 2007 by this office. QMF does not generate any other hazardous wastes at this time. You could potentially change your generator status to a non-generator. To deactivate your EPA identification number, you can contact Tammy McConnell in our Columbus office at (614)644-2922. You can also go on our website at www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm and get information on how to change your status.

During the inspection, I found the following violation of Ohio's hazardous waste laws:

1. Weekly Inspections of Containers, OAC Rule 3745-66-74: Hazardous waste storage areas must be inspected weekly. Ohio EPA interprets weekly to be once every seven days from the previous inspection. QMF had at least three exceedances of weekly inspections of the storage area.

This violation is considered abated because you are no longer a large quantity generator and no longer required to do weekly inspections of the storage area.

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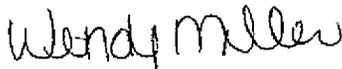
In the future, you will be generating fluorescent light bulbs which you intend to manage as universal waste. I have enclosed a universal waste/fluorescent bulb fact sheet for you to review.

We also discussed pollution prevention opportunities at your facility. The Ohio EPA Office of Compliance Assistance & Pollution Prevention also offers free Pollution Prevention (P2) Assessments.

If you are interested in on-site assistance from Ohio EPA's **Office of Compliance Assistance & Pollution Prevention (OCAPP)**, contact Michael Kelley by email or phone at (614) 644-3469, fax (614) 644-2807. OCAPPs services are free.

You can find copies of the rules and other information on the division's web page at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm>. Ohio EPA also has helpful information about pollution prevention at the following web address: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/ocapp.html>. Enclosed you will find a copy of the checklists that Ohio EPA completed during the inspection. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (419) 373-3114.

Sincerely,



Wendy Miller
Division of Hazardous Waste Management

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Enclosures

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Qualitec Metal Finishing PROCESS, WASTE, P2 SUMMARY SHEET

Facility Name: Facility Type: LQG/SQG/CESQG/TSD Date of Inspection: 4-11-07 EPA ID#: OH0041350745

Waste Generated			On- or Off-Site Management		P2 Activities	
Process/Activity Generating Waste (e.g. plating bath, machining, baghouse, painting, general maintenance, etc)	Waste Description (e.g. sludge, solvent, ash, used oil, spent lamps, etc.) and EPA Waste Code, if applic.	QTY Generated per Month, Type of Accumulation (container, tank, etc) and location of waste accumulation area	Type of On-Site Treatment (recycle, wwt, etc)	Name, state, and type of activity occurring at the off-site facility.	Current P2 Activities	P2 Opportunities
1	filter press	sludge				
2		* coded as F006 in past but actually non-haz.				
3	aluminum material	alkaline				
4	(used)	bath (non-haz.)				
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9						

* will generate bulbs in future

REMARKS-GENERAL INFORMATION

General Process Information:

Regulatory/Enforcement History (if applicable):

Additional P2 remarks and information:

Would this facility be interested in a P2 assessment? Yes* No *If yes, refer promptly to your district P2 coordinator.
Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention - 1-800-329-7518 or p2mail@epa.state.oh.us or www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/ocapp.html

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**LARGE QUANTITY GENERATOR REQUIREMENTS
COMPLETE AND ATTACH A PROCESS DESCRIPTION SUMMARY**

CESQG: ≤ 100Kg. (Approximately 25-30 gallons) of waste in a calendar month or < 1 Kg. of acutely hazardous waste.

SQG: Between 100 and 1,000 Kg. (About 25 to under 300 gallons) of waste in a calendar month.

LQG: ≥ 1,000 Kg. (~300 gallons) of waste in a calendar month or ≥ 1 Kg. of acutely hazardous waste in a calendar month.

NOTE: To convert from gallons to pounds: Amount in gallons x Specific Gravity x 8.345 = Amounts in pounds.

Safety Equipment Used:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Have all wastes generated at the facility been adequately evaluated? [3745-52-11] Yes No N/A
2. Are records of waste determination being kept for at least 3 years?[3745-52-40(C)] Yes No N/A
3. Has the generator obtained a U.S. EPA identification number? [3745-52-12] Yes No N/A
4. Were annual reports filed with Ohio EPA on or before March 1st? [3745-52-41(A)] Yes No N/A
5. Are annual reports kept on file for at least 3 years?[3745-52-40(B)] Yes No N/A
6. Has the generator transported or caused to be transported hazardous waste to **other** than a facility authorized to manage the hazardous waste? [ORC 3734.02(F)] Yes No N/A
7. Has the generator disposed of hazardous waste **on-site without a permit** or at another facility **other** than a facility authorized to dispose of the hazardous waste? [ORC 3734.02(E) & (F)] Yes No N/A
8. Does the generator accumulate hazardous waste? Yes No N/A

NOTE: If the LQG does not accumulate or treat hazardous waste, it is not subject to 52-34 standards. All other requirements still apply, e.g., annual reports, manifest, marking, record keeping, LDR, etc.

9. Has the generator accumulated hazardous waste on-site in excess of 90 days without a permit or an extension from the director ORC §3734.02 (E) & (F)? Yes No N/A

NOTE: If F006 waste is generated and accumulated for > 90 days and is recycled see 3745-52-34(G) & (H).

10. Does the generator treat hazardous waste in a: [ORC 3734.02(E)&(F)]
 - a. Container that meets 3745-66-70 to 3745-66-77? Yes No N/A
 - b. Tank that meets 3745-66-90 to 3745-66-101 except 3745-66-97 (C)? Yes No N/A
 - c. Drip pads that meet 3745-69-40 to 3745-69-45? Yes No N/A
 - d. Containment building that meets 3745-256-100 to 3745-256-102? Yes No N/A

NOTE: Complete appropriate checklist for each unit.

NOTE: If waste is treated to meet LDRs, use LDR checklist.

11. Does the generator export hazardous waste? If so: Yes No N/A
 - a. Has the generator notified U.S. EPA of export activity? [3745-52-53(A)] Yes No N/A
 - b. Has the generator complied with special manifest requirements? [3745-52-54] Yes No N/A
 - c. For manifests that have not been returned to the generator: has an exception report been filed? [3745-52-55] Yes No N/A
 - d. Has an annual report been submitted to U.S. EPA? [3745-52-56] Yes No N/A
 - e. Are export related documents being maintained on-site? [3745-52-57(A)] Yes No N/A

MANIFEST REQUIREMENTS

12. Have all hazardous wastes shipped off-site been accompanied by a manifest? (U.S. EPA Form 8700-22) [3745-52-20(A)] Yes No N/A
13. Have items (1) through (20) of each manifest been completed? [3745-52-20(A)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: U.S. EPA Form 8700-22(A) (the continuation form) may be needed in addition to Form 8700-22. In these situations items (21) through (35) must also be completed. [3745-52-20(A)]

14. Does each manifest designate at least one facility which is permitted to handle the waste? [3745-52-20(B)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: The generator may designate on the manifest one alternate facility to handle the waste in the event of an emergency which prevents the delivery of waste to the primary designated facility. [3745-52-20(C)].

15. If the transporter was unable to deliver a shipment of hazardous waste to the designated facility did the generator designate an alternate TSD facility or give the transporter instructions to return the waste? [3745-52-20(D)] Yes No N/A
16. Have the manifests been signed by the generator and initial transporter? [3745-52-23(A)(1) & (2)] Yes No N/A

* Fire on Jan. 2., 2006, destroyed ~~old~~ former Qualifco operations. Everything was lost but wastewater treatment area (fire wall)

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NOTE: Remind the generator that the certification statement they signed indicates: 1) they have properly prepared the shipment for transportation and 2) they have a program in place to reduce the volume and toxicity waste they generate.

17. If the generator did not receive a return copy of each completed manifest within 35 days of the waste being accepted by the transporter did the generator contact the transporter and/or TSD facility to check on the status of the waste? [3745-52-42(A)(1)] Yes No N/A
18. If the generator has not received the manifest within 45 days, did the generator file an exception report with Ohio EPA? [3745-52-42(A)(2)] Yes No N/A
19. Are signed copies of all manifests and any exception reports being retained for at least three years? [3745-52-40] Yes No N/A

NOTE: Waste generated at one location and transported along a publicly accessible road for temporary consolidated storage or treatment on a contiguous property also owned by the same person is not considered "on-site" and manifesting and transporter requirements must be met. To transport "along" a public right-of-way the destination facility has to act as a transfer facility or have a permit because this is considered to be "off-site." For additional information see the definition of "on-site" in OAC rule 3745-50-10.

PERSONNEL TRAINING

20. Does the generator have a training program which teaches facility personnel hazardous waste management procedures (including contingency plan implementation) relevant to their positions? [3745-65-16(A)(2)] Yes No N/A
21. Does the personnel training program, at a minimum, include instructions to ensure that facility personnel are able to respond effectively to emergencies involving hazardous waste by familiarizing them with emergency procedures, emergency equipment and emergency systems (where applicable)? [3745-65-16(A)(3)(a-f)] Yes No N/A
22. Is the personnel training program directed by a person trained in hazardous waste management procedures? [3745-65-16(A)(2)] Yes No N/A
23. Do new employees receive training within six months after the date of hire (or assignment to a new position)? [3745-65-16(B)] Yes No N/A
24. Does the generator provide annual refresher training to employees? [3745-65-16(C)] Yes No N/A
25. Does the generator keep records and documentation of:
- a. Job titles [3745-65-16D(1)]? Yes No N/A
 - b. Job descriptions [3745-65-16D(2)]? Yes No N/A
 - c. Type and amount of training given to each person [3745-65-16D(3)]? Yes No N/A
 - d. Completed training or job experience required [3745-65-16D(4)]? Yes No N/A
26. Are training records for current personnel kept until closure of the facility and are training records for former employees kept for at least three years from the date the employee last worked at the facility? [3745-65-16(E)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: The following section can be used by the inspector to document that all personnel who are involved with hazardous waste management have been trained. The employees who need training (written and/or on-the-job) may include the following: environmental coordinators, drum handlers, emergency coordinators, personnel who conduct hazardous waste inspections, emergency response teams, personnel who prepare manifest, etc.

Job Performed	Name of Employee	Date Trained
handles hw	Dennis Steinbrenner	7-1-06
inspections hw	Mike VanBuskirk	7-1-06

CONTINGENCY PLAN

27. Does the owner/operator have a contingency plan to minimize hazards to human health or the environment from fires, explosions or any unplanned release of hazardous waste? [3745-65-51(A)] Yes No N/A
28. Does the plan describe the following:
- a. Actions to be taken in response to fires, explosions or any unplanned release of hazardous waste [3745-65-52(A)]? Yes No N/A
 - b. Arrangements with emergency authorities [3745-65-52(C)]. Yes No N/A
 - c. A current list of names, addresses and telephone numbers (office and home) of all persons qualified to act as emergency coordinator? [3745-65-52(D)] Yes No N/A
 - d. A list of all emergency equipment, including: location, a physical description and brief outline of capabilities? [3745-65-52(E)] Yes No N/A

e. An evacuation plan for facility personnel where there is possibility that evacuation may be necessary? [3745-65-52(F)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: If the facility already has a "Spill Prevention, Control and Counter measures Plan" under CFR Part 112 or 40 CFR Part 1510, or some other emergency plan, the facility can amend that plan to incorporate hazardous waste management provisions that are sufficient to comply with OAC requirements. [3745-65-52(B)]

29. Is a copy of the plan (plus revisions) kept on-site and been given to all emergency authorities that may be requested to provide emergency services? [3745-65-53 (A) & (B)] Yes No N/A

30. Has the generator revised the plan in response to rule changes, facility, equipment and personnel changes, or failure of the plan? [3745-65-54] Yes No N/A

31. Is an emergency coordinator available at all times (on-site or on-call)? [3745-65-55] Yes No N/A

NOTE: The emergency coordinator shall be thoroughly familiar with: (a) all aspects of the facility's contingency plan; (b) all operations and activities at the facility; (c) the location and characteristics of waste handled; (d) the location of all records within the facility; (e) facility layout; and (f) shall have the authority to commit the resources needed to implement provisions of the contingency plan.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

32. Has there been a fire, explosion or release of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents since the last inspection? If so: did not involve haz. waste Yes No N/A

a. Was the contingency plan implemented? [3745-65-51(B)] Yes No N/A

b. Did the facility follow the emergency procedures in 3745-65-56(A) through (H)? Yes No N/A

c. Did the facility submit a report to the Director within 15 days of the incident as required by 3745-65-56(J)? Yes No N/A

NOTE: OAC 3745-65-51(b) requires that the contingency plan be implemented immediately whenever there is a fire, explosion, or release of hazardous waste or hazardous waste constituents, which could threaten human health and the environment.

PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION

33. Is the facility operated to minimize the possibility of fire, explosion, or any unplanned release of hazardous waste? [3745-65-31] Yes No N/A

34. Does the generator have the following equipment at the facility, if it is required due to actual hazards associated with the waste:

a. Internal communications or alarm system? [3745-65-32(A)] Yes No N/A

b. Emergency communication device? [3745-65-32(B)] Yes No N/A

c. Portable fire control, spill control and decon equipment? [3745-65-32(C)] Yes No N/A

d. Water of adequate volume/pressure per documentation or facility rep? [3745-65-32(D)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: Verify that the equipment is listed in the contingency plan.

35. Is emergency equipment tested (inspected) as necessary to ensure its proper operation in time of emergency? [3745-65-33] Yes No N/A

36. Are emergency equipment tests (inspections) recorded in a log or summary? [3745-65-33] Yes No N/A

37. Do personnel have immediate access to an internal alarm or emergency communication device when handling hazardous waste (unless the device is not required under 3745-65-32)? [3745-65-34(A)] Yes No N/A

38. If there is only one employee on the premises, is there immediate access to a device (ex. phone, hand held two-way radio) capable of summoning external emergency assistance? (Unless not required under 3745-65-32) [3745-65-34(B)] Yes No N/A

39. Is adequate aisle space provided for unobstructed movement of emergency or spill control equipment? [3745-65-35] Yes No N/A

40. Has the generator attempted to familiarize emergency authorities with possible hazards and facility layouts? [3745-65-37(A)] Yes No N/A

41. Where authorities have declined to enter into arrangements or agreements, has the generator documented such a refusal? [3745-65-37(B)] Yes No N/A

SATELLITE ACCUMULATION AREA REQUIREMENTS

42. Does the generator ensure that satellite accumulation area(s):

a. Are at or near a point of generation? [3745-52-34(C)(1)] Yes No N/A

b. Are under the control of the operator of the process generating the waste? [3745-52-34(C)(1)] Yes No N/A

c. Do not exceed a total of 55 gallons of hazardous waste per waste stream? [3745-52-34(C)(1)] Yes No N/A

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- d. Do not exceed one quart of acute hazardous waste at any one time? [3745-52-34(C)(1)] Yes No N/A
 - e. Containers are closed, in good condition and compatible with wastes stored in them? [3745-52-34(C)(1)(a)] Yes No N/A
 - f. Containers are marked with words "Hazardous Waste" or other words identifying the contents? [3745-52-34(C)(1)(b)] Yes No N/A
43. Is the generator accumulating hazardous waste(s) in excess of the amounts listed in the preceding question? If so: Yes No N/A
- a. Did the generator comply with 3745-52-34(A)(1)through(4) or other applicable generator requirements within three days? [3745-52-34(C)(2)] Yes No N/A
 - b. Did the generator mark the container(s) holding excess with the accumulation date when the 55 gallon (one quart) limit was exceeded?[3745-52-34(C)(2)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: The satellite accumulation area is limited to 55 gallons of hazardous waste accumulated from a distinct point of generation in the process under the control of the operator of the process generating the waste (less than 1 quart for acute hazardous waste). There could be individual waste streams accumulated in an area from different points of generation.

USE AND MANAGEMENT OF CONTAINERS IN <90 DAY ACCUMULATION AREAS

- 44. Has the generator marked containers with the words "Hazardous Waste?" [3745-52-34(A)(3)] Yes No N/A
- 45. Is the accumulation date on each container? [3745-52-34(A)(2)] Yes No N/A
- 46. Are hazardous wastes stored in containers which are:
 - a. Closed (except when adding/removing wastes)? [3745-66-73(A)] Yes No N/A
 - b. In good condition? [3745-66-71] Yes No N/A
 - c. Compatible with wastes stored in them? [3745-66-72] Yes No N/A
 - d. Handled in a manner which prevents rupture/leakage? [3745-66-73(B)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: Record location on process summary sheets, photograph the area, and record on facility map.

- 47. Is the container accumulation areas(s) inspected weekly? [3745-66-74] Per ORC§1.44(A) "Week" means 7 consecutive days. Yes No N/A
- a. Are inspections recorded in a log or summary? [3745-66-74] Yes No N/A
- 48. Are containers of ignitable or reactive wastes located at least 50 feet (15 meters) from the facility's property line? [3745-66-76] Yes No N/A
- 49. Are containers of incompatible wastes stored separately from each other by means of a dike, berm, wall or other device? [3745-66-77(C)] Yes No N/A
- 50. If the generator places incompatible wastes, or incompatible wastes and materials in the same container, is it done in accordance with 3745-65-17(B)? [3745-66-77(A)] Yes No N/A
- 51. If the generator places hazardous waste in an unwashed container that previously held an incompatible waste, is it done in accordance with 3745-65-17(B)? [3745-66-77(B)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: OAC 3745-65-17(B) requires that the generator treat, store, or dispose of ignitable or reactive waste, and the mixture or commingling of incompatible wastes, or incompatible wastes and materials so that it does not create undesirable conditions or threaten human health or the environment.

- 52. If the generator has closed a <90 day accumulation area does the closure appear to have met the closure performance standard of 3745- 66-11? [3745-52-34(A)(1)] Yes No N/A

NOTE: Please provide a description of the unit and documentation provided by the generator for the file to demonstrate that closure was completed in accordance with the closure performance standards. If the generator has closed a <90 day tank, closure must also be completed in accordance with OAC 3745-66-97 (except for paragraph C of this rule). [3745-52-34]

PRE-TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

- 53. Does the generator package/label its hazardous waste in accordance with the applicable DOT regulations? [3745-52-30, 3745-52-31 and 3745-52-32(A)] Yes No N/A
- 54. Does each container <110 gallons have a completed hazardous waste label? [3745-52-32(B)] Yes No N/A
- 55. Before off-site transportation, does the generator placard or offer the appropriate DOT placards to the initial transporter? [3745-52-33] Yes No N/A