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Re: Complaint #2759  
Owens Painting & Sand Blasting  
Wood County  
Hazardous Waste  
**Return to Compliance**

January 23, 2009

Mr. Curtis Owens  
7450 Starcrest  
Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

Dear Mr. Owens:

On September 8, 2008, I investigated a complaint at Owens Painting & Sand Blasting located at 4390 Moline-Martin Road in Millbury, Ohio, near Metcalf Field. According to the complaint received by Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the wind blows blasting media out the doors of the building you use to blast equipment in.

You explained that you work on things like semi trailers, scissor lifts and truck or car frames. The blasting agent is Black Beauty. You explained that the blasting media is swept up and reused. However, it is allowed to blow out both doors and has accumulated on the driveway and ground around the doors. This blasting media has not been evaluated.

As a result of my investigation, I found the following violation of Ohio's hazardous waste laws and notified you of this violation in a Notice of Violation letter dated September 17, 2008. This violation has been abated. A summary of the violation can be found below:

**1. Waste Evaluation**  
**Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-52-11**

A generator must determine whether its waste is hazardous by first determining if the waste is listed as a hazardous waste in rules 3745-51-30 to 3745-51-35; by testing the waste according to the methods set forth in rules 3745-51-20 to 3745-51-24 or by applying knowledge of the hazardous characteristics of the waste in light of the materials or the processes used.

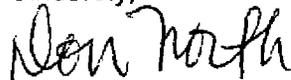
The blasting agent that is allowed to blow out the doors and accumulate on the driveway and ground is a waste. You failed to evaluate this waste, generated by abrasive blasting, at Owens Painting & Sand Blasting in Millbury. You were required to obtain a representative sample of the waste (at least three samples) on the driveway and ground, according to OAC Rule 3745-51-20, and evaluate all samples, through laboratory analysis, for all TCLP (Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure) metals.

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**On November 3, 2008, Ohio EPA collected five samples of the waste abrasive material. The analytical results demonstrate that this waste does not possess a characteristic of hazardous waste. Therefore, this violation is abated.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (419) 373-3074.

Sincerely,



Don North  
District Representative  
Division of Hazardous Waste Management

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**NOTICE:**

Ohio EPA's failure to list specific deficiencies or violations in this letter does not relieve your company from having to comply with all applicable regulations.