

Ohio

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RE: JEFFERSON COUNTY
TIRE - LASTING MULCH

Mr. Frank Colalella
Lasting Mulch
320 N. 5th Street
Steubenville, Ohio 43952

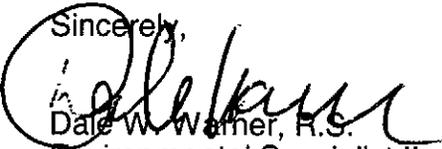
Dear Mr. Colalella:

On July 27, 2011, I conducted an inspection of the Lasting Mulch tire processing facility in Steubenville as required by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-37-08(D)(5). At the time of my inspection, the following violation was observed:

OAC 3745-27-65(D)(4) requires that the owner-operator shall separate scrap tires from possible ignition sources. Over the last several inspections, I have either spoken with you or your staff regarding the poor housekeeping and potential fire risk associated with the accumulation of both scrap tires and processed tires that are built up in the equipment and in and around the equipment as well the lack of fire lanes due to the improper storage of tires. A fire lane of eight feet must be maintained at all times and all processed tires need to be cleaned up to reduce the potential for a fire. All tires must be kept away from heating equipment, fuel sources such as oil, and welding equipment. The buildup tire shreds within equipment can produce friction and result in a fire due to the heat caused by the friction. This area will be respected to determine compliance within the next 30 days.

Please provide a written response within 15 days outlining the steps that will be taken to bring this facility into compliance. Should you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance, please contact me at (740) 380-5435.

Sincerely,



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