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**RE: TUSCARAWAS COUNTY  
SITE-SEMPCO**

Stebbens Engineering  
Attn.: Mr. Frank Stroman  
363 Eastern Boulevard  
Watertown, NY 13601

**RE: Inspection Documentation for September 24, 2009 - Inspection**

Dear Mr. Stroman:

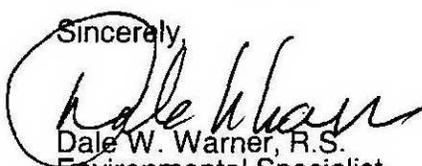
On September 24, 2009, Mike Check of the Tuscarawas County Health District and I met with Mr. Clifford McPherson to inspect the SEMPSCO Ceramics facility located at 4778 Belden Drive SE, Uhrichsville, Ohio. At the time of inspection, we viewed an onsite dump for off specification unfired brick as well as fired brick. The dump site was located to the north of the main office. It was explained by site personnel at the time I was viewing this area that raw unfired brick has been routinely disposed of in the disposal area in the past; however, no material had been dumped in that area since Ohio EPA's last visit.

OAC 3745-27-01(43) states " solid waste means such unwanted residual solid or semisolid material, including, but not limited to, garbage, scrap tires, combustible and noncombustible material, street dirt, and debris, as results from industrial commercial, agricultural, and community operations, excluding earth or material from construction, mining, or demolition operations, or other waste materials of the type that normally would be included in demolition debris, nontoxic fly ash and bottom ash, including at least ash that results from combustion of coal, and ash that results from the combustion of coal in combination with scrap tires where scrap tires comprise not more than fifty per cent of heat input in any month, spent nontoxic foundry sand, and slag and other substances that are not harmful or inimical to public health. Solid waste does not include any material that is an infectious waste or a hazardous waste.

OAC 3745-27-05(C) prohibits the illegal disposal of solid waste. Based on my observations, SEMPSCO is in violation of OAC 3745-27-05(C) for the open dumping of solid waste. SEMPSCO should remove all solid waste to an approved solid waste landfill and cease any further open dumping. Should SEMPSCO desire to manage its solid waste on-site, it will be necessary to submit a permit-to-install for an industrial solid waste landfill.

Please provide a written response detailing your intentions and actions taken to address the violation of Ohio's solid waste rules within fifteen (15) days. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (740) 380-5435.

Sincerely,

  
Dale W. Warner, R.S.  
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cc: Tuscarawas County Health Department