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January 13, 2012

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Mr. Colby Bowman, Owner
Artisan Finish Solutions
4690 Sandy Point Road
Lima, Ohio 45807

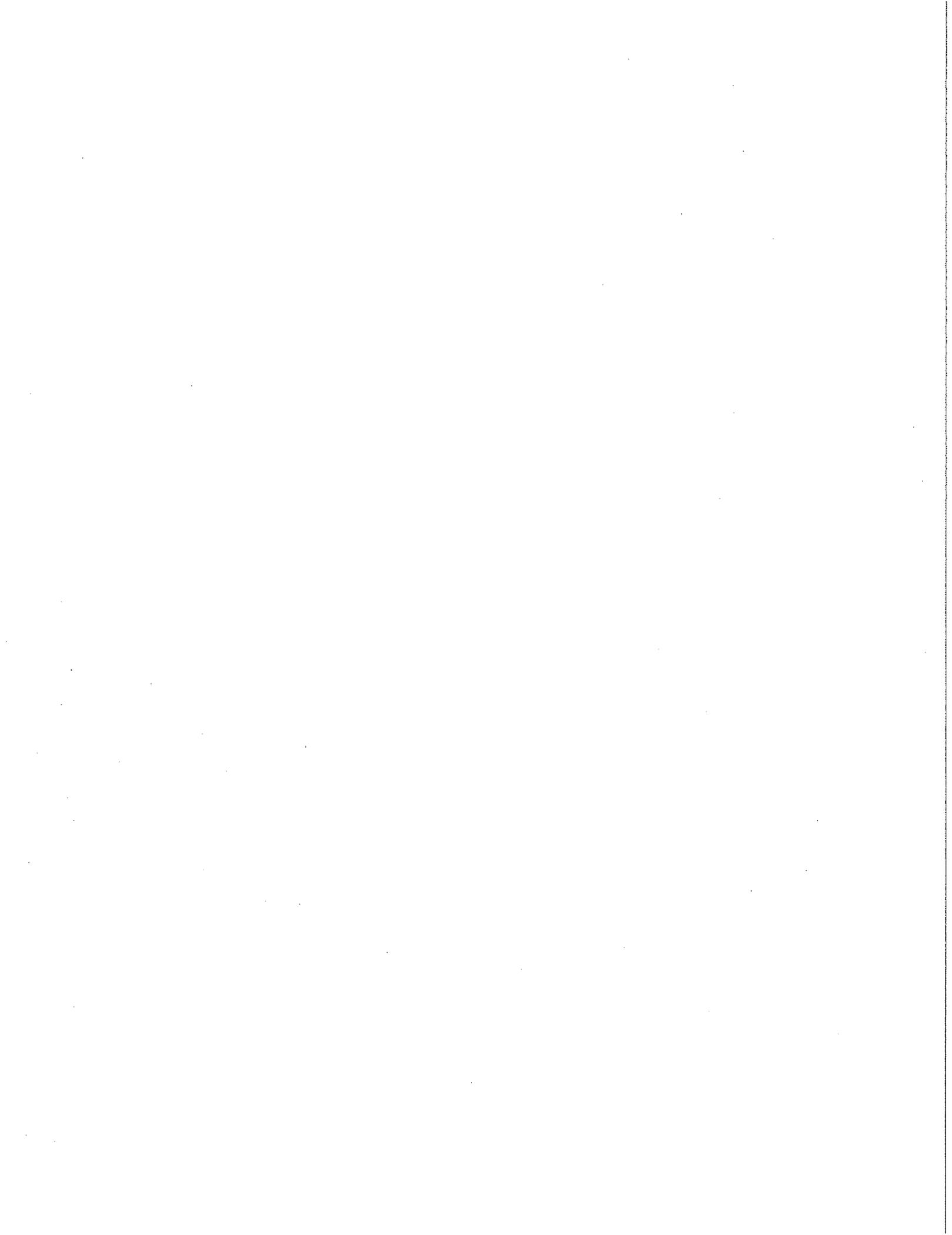
Re: NOTICE OF VIOLATION – non HPV
Facility ID: to be determined
Artisan Finish Solutions
Location: 5510 North West Street
Lima, OH 45807
Allen County

Dear Mr. Bowman:

This letter is a follow-up to the inspection conducted by Thomas Cikotte of the Division of Air Pollution Control/Northwest District Office (DAPC/NWDO) on December 22, 2011. The purpose of the inspection was to investigate an anonymous complaint of alleged open burning which originally was received by the Allen County Health Department. While investigating the open burning, it was also discovered that a wood finishing facility is also being operated at 5510 North West Street, Lima.

The coating operations included an open room spray area with cross flow ventilation, overspray filter and exhaust stack. However, these operations were not being conducted in an enclosed spray booth as required. Items being coated included wood moldings and doors, along with a car apparently being prepared for spray painting. These operations are subject to several state and federal air pollution regulations for particulate matter, organic compounds (OC) and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs). Based on an estimated maximum daily spray total of seven gallons (obtained from Robert Kinnett on site), the operations do not qualify for de minimis status, since emissions of OC are greater than 10 pounds per day.

Depending on the source installation date, the company is violating either OAC rule 3745-31-02 or 3745-35-02 (rescinded June 30, 2008) for failure to obtain a permit to install and/or a permit to operate.



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Please submit a written response by February 17, 2012, with the following information:

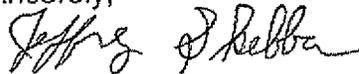
1. List of all coating materials used, including stain, paint, clear coat and clean-up solvent;
2. Copy of material safety data sheets for each coating material and clean-up solvent;
3. Maximum number of gallons per day sprayed and/or hand applied of each coating material and clean-up solvent;
4. Date the spray area was first installed and operated; and
5. Statement of whether the spray exhaust stack flow is unobstructed or obstructed (it appeared the stack had a rain cap at the tip).

If you need assistance compiling the information, we recommend you contact Ron Nabors of the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP), which helps small business owners. His phone number is 419-373-3147. He works at the Northwest District Office, and can provide confidential services to determine permitting requirements and emissions from coating operations.

Please be advised that submission of information to respond to this letter does not constitute a waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties pursuant to ORC Section 3704.06. The Ohio EPA will make a decision whether to pursue such penalties regarding this matter a later date.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 419-373-3128 or E-mail jeffrey.skebba@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Skebba
Division of Air Pollution Control

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