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December 7, 2011

Steve Thomas  
Thomas' Car Sales  
750 U.S. 68  
Maysville, KY 41056

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RE: **Complaint Investigation – Thomas' Auto Salvage**  
**10946 U.S. 68, Georgetown, Ohio 45121**

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for assisting Chris Cotton from the Division of Surface Water, and Pat Willoughby and me from the Division of Materials and Waste Management during the complaint investigation on November 30, 2011. Deputy Tim Hubbard and Stephen Dick represented the Brown County Health Department. The complaint alleged improper disposal of automotive fluids onto the ground and improper storage of tires. The tire and solid waste issues observed during the investigation will be addressed by Deputy Hubbard.

We did not observe any evidence of automotive fluids on the ground. Due to recent rains water was ponding throughout the property. We did not observe any oil sheens on the ponding water. However, we did observe three (3) used oil containers that were not properly labeled. Based on this information, Thomas' Auto Salvage is in violation of the following used oil regulation:

1. **Used oil storage requirements for generators, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-279-22(C):** Containers and aboveground tanks used to store used oil at generator facilities must be labeled or marked clearly with the words, "Used Oil."

During the investigation, you properly labeled the three (3) used oil containers. **Therefore, Thomas' Auto Salvage is no longer in violation of OAC 3745-279-22(C).**

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Be advised that auto salvagers are required to obtain coverage under a general industrial stormwater discharge permit if vehicle dismantling activities occur outdoors, and if stormwater runoff can leave the property. A small creek was observed forming on and leaving the property along its northern border near an old storage shed. Because you stated that fluids are typically left in vehicles that are brought to the site, and hydrocarbon sheens were not visible on any of the numerous puddles observed on the property, no violations of the state's stormwater management regulations were apparent.

If you choose to continue the business at this location, you'll need to apply for the above mentioned permit once it becomes available. This permit is revised and reissued every 5 years, but the new version will not be available until early in 2012. When the time comes to apply for permit coverage, you can contact Chris Cotton at (937) 285-6442 or via email at [chris.cotton@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:chris.cotton@epa.ohio.gov).

If you have any questions, please either email me at [cathy.altman@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:cathy.altman@epa.ohio.gov) or call me at (937) 285-6093.

Sincerely,



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