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Re: Tom Ahl Auto  
Allen County  
Hazardous Waste Inspection  
Return to Compliance  
OHD 018 110 734

April 21, 2009

Mr. Vince Downing, General Manager  
Tom Ahl Auto  
2525 Allentown Road  
Lima, Ohio 45805

Dear Mr. Downing:

Thank you for your April 10, 2009, response to Ohio EPA's December 15, 2008, Notice of Violation letter. The documentation you submitted included a copy of the spent paint booth filters' waste evaluation, a statement that from now on you are planning to manage a portion of your spent light bulbs as universal waste, used oil labeling photographs, a photo of a diagram showing the location of your fire extinguishers, a photo showing the emergency response posted information, and information regarding your solvent recycling unit.

According to the information you submitted, the light bulbs you sent to be analyzed were considered a non-hazardous waste and therefore you are planning to dispose of these lamps (green tips) with your regular trash. Other fluorescent lamps will be sent to be recycled. Be advised that we strongly encouraged you to send all spent bulbs to be recycled as their content of contaminants of concern is high variable. In addition, you included information regarding a newly acquired solvent recycling unit. You stated in a phone conversation we had, that you will be reducing the quantity of waste generated each month and, therefore, will be considered a conditionally exempt small quantity generator of hazardous waste. Based on this information, three of the violations cited will be automatically corrected since you are no longer considered a small quantity generator of hazardous waste. Keep in mind that, if at any time, you increase the volume of a hazardous waste generated each month, you must comply with all of the requirements pertaining to your generator status.

My review of this documentation reveals that Tom Ahl Auto has now abated all violations discovered during the October 31, 2008, inspection as listed below:

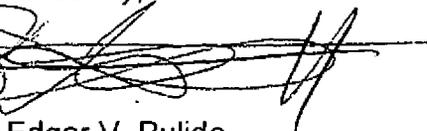
Letter Citation #	Rule Citation	RTC Date
1	OAC Rule 3745-52-11, Waste Evaluation	4/20/2009
2	OAC Rule 3745-279-22(C)(1), Handling of Containers – Labeling	8/31/2008
*3	OAC Rule 3745-52-42(B), Manifest – Ohio EPA Notification	12/30/2008
4	OAC Rule 3745-52-34(D)(5)(a), Preparedness and Prevention – ER Coordinator	4/20/2009
5	OAC Rule 3745-52-34(D)(5)(b), Preparedness and Prevention – Emergency Contact Information Display	4/20/2009
**6	OAC Rule 3745-52-34(D)(5)(c), Preparedness and Prevention – Employee Training	4/20/2009
**7	OAC Rule 3745-52-34(D)(5)(a), Preparedness and Prevention – Emergency Equipment Inspections	4/20/2009
**8	OAC Rule 3745-66-74, Use and Management of Containers – Inspections	4/20/2009

\*\*Corrected during a follow up visit.

\*These violations were automatically corrected since your generator status is now conditionally exempt small quantity generator.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of assistance, please contact me at (419)373-3015.

Sincerely,



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Division of Hazardous Waste Management

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