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John Golias
Ace Taxi
1798 E. 55th St.
Cleveland, OH 44103

RE: ACE TAXI, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, NOTICE OF VIOLATION/RETURN TO COMPLIANCE

Dear Mr. Golias:

On January 30, 2012, Ohio EPA's Division of Materials and Waste Management, represented by Edward D'Amato, conducted a complaint investigation at Ace Taxi. The complaint alleged improper management of automotive fluids.

Ace Taxi is a taxicab company.

The following waste streams were identified:

1. Used oil
2. Universal waste lamps
3. Used antifreeze

The following violation was found:

1. **Used Oil Storage Requirements for Generators (Labels)
OAC 3745-279-22(C)**

Containers and above ground tanks used to store used oil at generator facilities shall be labeled or marked clearly with the words "Used Oil"

Ace Taxi's used oil tank and two portable used oil containers were not labeled per this rule. This violation was corrected during the inspection. Ohio EPA provided you with "Used Oil" stickers for these items.

The following concern was also noted:

1. You explained that you have been discarding spent fluorescent lamps with your solid waste. Often these lamps contain mercury at a level that makes them a hazardous waste if disposed. This can also be true of mercury vapor, sodium vapor, and metal halide lamps.

If the spent lamps are sent for recycling instead of disposal, they would be exempt from the hazardous waste management requirements. Although Ohio EPA encourages recycling in any case, low-mercury lamps that are not considered hazardous waste when disposed are commercially available.

No lamps were observed in your solid waste dumpster at the time of the inspection.

Please be advised that you must properly manage your lamps from now on. You were provided with two Ohio EPA fact sheets on fluorescent lamps and a list of companies that accept them for recycling.

You were provided with the following Ohio EPA fact sheets: Are You Handling Your Used Lamps Correctly, The Regulation of Used Oil, and Burning Used Oil in a Space Heater.

No response to this letter is required

Failure to list specific deficiencies in this communication does not relieve Ace Taxi from the responsibility of complying with all applicable Ohio EPA laws and regulations. Please be advised that present or past instances of non-compliance can continue as subjects of pending or future enforcement actions.

Please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1170 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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**USED OIL INSPECTION CHECKLIST
GENERATORS, COLLECTION CENTERS AND AGGREGATION POINTS**

NOTE: 1. A facility is subject to the federal SPCC regulations (40 CFR 112) if it is non-transportation related (e.g., fixed) and has an aggregate above ground storage capacity greater than 1,320 gallons or a total underground storage capacity greater than 42,000 gallons of oil (including used oil), and there is reasonable expectation of a discharge to navigable waters.

2. Inspectors can check BUSTR's web-site at https://www.comapps.ohio.gov/sfm/fire_apps/bust/bustr/PublicInquiry.asp to determine if a UST containing used oil is registered with BUSTR. Inspectors may call BUSTR at 614-752-7938 or a BUSTR site coordinator to report an unregistered UST or a UST that appears to not be in compliance with BUSTR regulations. A list of BUSTR coordinators by county are at:

https://www.comapps.ohio.gov/sfm/fire_apps/bust/bustr/SearchByCounty.asp.

Ace Taxi

PROHIBITIONS

1.	Does the generator manage used oil in a surface impoundment or waste pile? If yes:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
a.	Is the surface impoundment or waste pile regulated as a hazardous waste management unit? [3745-279-12(A)]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: For example, used oil contaminated scrap metal stored in a pile.

2.	Is used oil used as a dust suppressant? [3745-279-12(B)]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Is off-specification used oil fuel burned for energy recovery in devices specified in 3745-279-12(C)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: Multiple used oil checklists may be applicable if used oil handler is performing multiple tasks (e.g., if generating used oil and shipping directly to a burner, complete generator and marketer checklists at a minimum).

GENERATOR STANDARDS

4.	Does the generator mix hazardous waste with used oil? If so,	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
a.	Is the mixture managed as specified in 3745-279-10(B)? [3745-279-21(A)]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: Used Oil mixed with listed (3745-51-30 to 3745-51-35) or characteristic (3745-51-20 to 3745-51-24) hazardous waste are subject to regulation as a hazardous waste, unless the listed hazardous waste is listed solely because it exhibits a hazardous characteristic, and the resultant mixtures do not exhibit a characteristic. Mixtures of used oil and CESQG hazardous waste are subject to OAC Chapter 3745-279.

5.	Does the generator of a used oil containing greater than 1,000 ppm total halogens manage the used oil as a hazardous waste unless the presumption is rebutted successfully? [3745-279-21(B)]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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NOTE: If used oil contains greater than 1000 ppm total halogens, it is presumed to be listed hazardous waste until the presumption is successfully rebutted.

6.	Does the generator store used oil in tanks; or containers; or a unit(s) subject to regulation as a hazardous waste management unit? [3745-279-22(A)]	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Are containers and aboveground tanks used to store used oil in good condition with no visible leaks? [3745-279-22(B)]	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Are containers, above ground tanks, and fill pipes used for underground tanks clearly labeled or marked "Used Oil?" [3745-279-22(C)] <i>Fixed during inspection</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Has the generator, upon detection of a release of used oil, done the following: [3745-279-22(D)] <i>No releases have occurred</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
a.	Stopped the release?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.	Contained the release?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c.	Cleaned up and properly managed the used oil and other materials?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d.	Repaired or replaced the containers or tanks prior to returning them to service, if necessary?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

ON-SITE BURNING IN SPACE HEATER		
10.	Does the generator burn used oil in used-oil fired space heaters? [3745-279-23] If so:	
a.	Does the heater burn only used oil that owner/operator generates or used oil received from household do-it-yourself (DIY) used oil generators?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
b.	Is the heater designed to have a maximum capacity of not more than 0.5 million BTU per hour?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
c.	Are the combustion gases from heater vented to the ambient air?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>NOTE: Ash accumulated in a space heater must be managed in accordance with 3745-279-10(E).</i>		
GENERATOR TRANSPORTATION		
11.	Does the generator have the used oil hauled only by transporters that have obtained a U.S. EPA ID#? [3745-279-24]	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
12.	If the generator self-transport used oil to an approved collection site or to an aggregation point owned by the generator: [3745-279-24]	
a.	Does the generator transport used oil in a vehicle owned by the generator or an employee of the generator? [3745-279-24]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.	Does the generator transport more than 55 gallons of used oil at any time? [3745-279-24]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>NOTE: Used oil generators may arrange for used oil to be transported by a transporter without a U.S. EPA ID # if the used oil is reclaimed under a contractual agreement (i.e., tolling arrangement).</i>		
COLLECTION CENTERS AND AGGREGATION POINTS		
13.	Is the DIY used oil collection center in compliance with the generator standards in 3745-279-20 to 3745-279-24? [3745-279-30]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.	Is the non-DIY used oil collection center registered with Ohio EPA? [3745-279-31]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15.	Is the used oil aggregation point in compliance with the generator standards in 3745-279-20 to 3745-279-24? [3745-279-32]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>NOTE: Complete Used Oil Generator and any other applicable used oil handler checklist (e.g., marketer, burner, etc.) for used oil collection centers and aggregation points.</i>		