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September 21, 2010

Joe Cusato
Research Alloys Company
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**Re: Industrial Storm Water Complaint
Research Alloys Company, Franklin County
Industrial Storm Water Permit 4GR00423*DG**

Dear Mr. Cusato:

Thank you for taking time to meet with me on Wednesday, September 15, 2010. The purpose of the inspection was a result of a complaint that initiated at TOSOH SMD in Grove City, Ohio. The complainant stated that oil was dripping from your truck after picking up a load of scrap from TOSOH SMD. Best management practices will be implemented at TOSOH SMD in order to try to remove the oil prior to your pick up. The following items were noted during the inspection:

1. Your property did not appear to have oil stains on the road leading from or to your facility.
2. The storage area for the scrap metal had a concrete berm around the perimeter of the area.
3. The scrap stored at your facility from TOSOH SMD did not appear to have any oil in the shavings. It was stressed that the oil be removed from TOSOH's container prior to loading on to your truck. Once the scrap is transferred on to your truck, any leaking oil could be your responsibility if it leaks on to the road or parking lots. It is recommended that your drivers check to insure the oil reservoir on the scrap container is empty prior to unloading the scrap. Also, an oil absorbent material should be kept in your trucks to use for spills.
4. Cat litter or other oil absorbent material should be immediately used on oil stains in your storage area.
5. There were a few items in the storage area that were oily and should be stored under roof in secondary containment. You stated that these items would be stored inside.

Ted Strickland, Governor
Lee Fisher, Lieutenant Governor
Chris Korleski, Director

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If you have any questions regarding this letter or my inspection, please do not hesitate to contact me at our Central District Office at 614-728-3851.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G.L.S.', written in a cursive style.

Gregory L. Sanders
Environmental Specialist
Division of Surface Water
Central District Office

c: Jeff Bohne, DSW/CDO

GS/nsm Research Alloys Company, September 15, 2010