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Brian Lehman  
Horton Emergency Vehicles  
3800 McDowell Road  
Grove City, OH 43123

**Re: Horton Emergency Vehicles, Franklin County  
Industrial Storm Water Permit 4GR00545\*DG**

Dear Mr. Lehman:

This letter is written in regard to the storm water inspection that I conducted at Horton Emergency Vehicles located at 3800 McDowell Road, in Grove City, Ohio. The inspection was conducted on July 14, 2010, at the request of the City of Columbus and to determine compliance with your industrial storm water permit. Your company makes emergency vehicles. The City of Columbus, Pretreatment Section, inspected your facility and had concerns regarding your paint and finishing bay. This bay generated a categorical wastewater. During the inspection, your staff estimated the flow to be approximately 60 gallons per day. This staff person also stated that he would install a flow meter on the system to better quantify the volume from this process. If the flow from the categorical process remains below 100 gallons per day, you may request an exemption from being classified as a significant industrial user. Please see attached weblink: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/portals/35/guidance/pretreatment2.pdf>. You must submit the certification statement listed on page 8 of 14 of the guidance, under the section, Non-significant Categorical Industrial Users.

Prior to discharging the paint wastewater to the sanitary sewer, you may want to sample the wastewater for pH to insure that the pH is greater than 2.0 s.u. Wastewater with a pH less than 2.0 or greater than 12.5 s.u. is considered a hazardous waste. Hazardous waste shall not be discharged to a sanitary sewer. Alternatively, you may collect this waste and have it hauled off-site for treatment and disposal.

I also inspected the outside of your facility for compliance with regard to your industrial storm water permit. I did not note any discharges from your facility to a storm water drain or waters of the state and you appear to be in compliance with your permit with a few issues to note.

The following items were noted during the inspection:

1. Your company had several full drums of oil stored on the asphalt in the rear of the building which was upstream of a storm water drain. These drums should be stored in secondary containment or stored inside the building.

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Chris Korleski, Director

2. An empty drum was stored outside and was collecting rain water. Empty drums should be closed with a lid and bung if stored outside.
3. Carts used for transporting vehicle bodies were temporarily being stored outside in the parking lot.

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,



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