

Gillard's Complaint File

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Mr. Ronald Friend
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Dear Mr. Friend:

Governor Strickland has asked me to respond on his behalf to your letter dated July 10, 2009 concerning Gillard's Custom Cabinets (Gillard's) located in Washington County, Ohio. First, I would like to apologize for the unacceptable delay in responding to your letter. Second, I have been advised that Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office, Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) and Division of Surface Water (DSW) both conducted recent unannounced inspections at Gillard's. A summary of each inspection is summarized below.

Division of Surface Water

On October 28, 2009 and November 5, 2009, DSW personnel investigated concerns outlined in your complaint. The investigations were conducted under the provisions of Ohio's water pollution control statutes. Please note that only certain sectors of industry are regulated under the general industrial storm water permit rules. As a result of the inspections, we determined that Gillard's industrial activity is not regulated under the Ohio EPA general industrial storm water permit program and DSW personnel did not find any storm water issues or violations during our inspection at Gillard's. However, DSW personnel reminded Gillard's that pollutants (e.g., oil, grease, etc.) should not be exposed to storm water. A copy of DSW's inspection letter to Gillard's is attached.

Ohio EPA also does not regulate the types of drainage issues outlined in your complaint. You may want to consult legal counsel regarding drainage issues. I have included information about Ohio Drainage Laws to assist you in moving forward with these concerns.

Division of Air Pollution Control

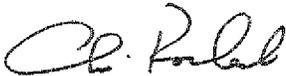
On November 4, 2009, DAPC personnel investigated the air concerns outlined in your complaint. The investigation included an inspection of the painting and woodworking operations as well as a review of the facility's records. A copy of DAPC's inspection letter to Gillard's is attached and summarized below.

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- *Paint Booth Operation.* DAPC did not detect any solvent or paint-related odors at the time of the inspection. Based on the site visit and the review of facility records, the facility's paint booth is currently exempt from air permitting requirements. The facility was cautioned that, should current operating procedures change, air permits may be required. DAPC provided guidance regarding best management practices for the minimization and control of odors.
- *Woodworking Operation.* DAPC did not observe accumulation of sawdust on the outside of the facility's property. Based on the site visit and a review of facility records, the woodworking operations are exempt from air permitting requirements. Again, the facility was cautioned that, should current operating procedures change, air permits may be required.

If you should have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Aaron Wolfe (DSW, Southeast District Office) at 740-380-5277 or Christina Wieg (DAPC, Southeast District Office) at 740-380-5233.

Sincerely,



Chris Korleski
Director

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attachments
