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Re: Allen County  
Valero Lima Refinery  
Premise #0302020012  
Warning Letter/HPF

April 19, 2007

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Mr. Mark Skobel, Vice President and General Manager  
Valero Lima Refinery  
1150 South Metcalf Street  
Lima, Ohio 45804-1145

Dear Mr. Skobel:

The Fourth Quarter 2006, Excess Emissions Report (EER) submitted by Valero Lima Refinery (Valero) on January 29, 2007, has been reviewed by the Division of Air Pollution Control - Northwest District Office (DAPC/NWDO). Data summaries in the EER indicate continuous emission monitor (CEM) data capture less than the minimum acceptable 95 percent for the following emissions unit:

B026 - 92.85 percent data capture for the CE boiler nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) CEM (7.15 percent CEM down time)

The excessive CEM down time is a violation of the following:

1. Part III, term A.III.4 for emissions unit B026 in the facility's final Title V permit modification which became effective on November 28, 2005; and
2. Ohio Revised Code 3704.05.

It is our understanding that two primary factors contributed to the CEM down time. A leak occurred in the sample system from November 8, 2006, to November 14, 2006, and a sample pump failed on November 29, 2006. Corrective action taken by Valero included tightening the fittings on the sample system with manual calibration, and replacement of the sample pump.

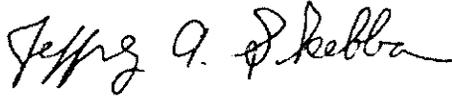
DAPC/NWDO is concerned about the CEM down time caused by the sample system leak, and why this problem was not corrected for six days.

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Please submit a written response by May 21, 2007, and provide an explanation for why this amount of time elapsed before the repair was completed.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (419) 373-3128.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Skebba  
 Environmental Specialist  
 Division of Air Pollution Control

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