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Re: Auglaize County
The Minster Machine Company
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Return to Compliance

July 15, 2009

Ms. Lisa Stroh
Manager Environmental Health and Safety
The Minster Machine Company
240 West Fifth Street,
P.O. Box 120
Minster, Ohio 45865-0120

Dear Ms. Stroh:

The Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) dated May 27, 2009, citing failure to conduct required Method 9 performance tests for fugitive opacity for MACT Subpart EEEEE. The agency has since received the company's letters of May 7 (Trinity Consultants), June 22, and July 2.

The May 7 letter included an 'Intent to Test' for testing which was conducted on June 8 and was reported in the July 2 correspondence. The test results indicated compliance with the MACT visible emissions requirement. In the June 22 letter, the company assured the agency that scheduled commitments have been made with Trinity Consultants and calendar dates filed to ensure that the next test (November 2009) and subsequent future tests will not be missed.

Based on the company's responses to the NOV, we have determined that the compliance plan is acceptable. The actions taken seem sufficient to prevent future violations. Please note, however, that this does not preclude the Director from seeking civil penalties pursuant to ORC section 3704.06 for these violations. The decision on whether to pursue or decline to pursue such penalties regarding this matter is dependent on several factors, one of which is the company's future compliance with applicable Ohio EPA requirements.

Should the company have any questions and/or comments, I may be reached at (419) 373-3117. I may also be contacted electronically by E-mail at: paul.chad@epa.state.oh.us

Sincerely,

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