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Mrs. Connie Brown, Treasurer
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RE: Warning to Sunset Ramblers Motorcycle Club (0317030050) due to complaint received on April 3, 2010 with follow-up visit on April 20, 2010 and response due by June 1, 2010

Dear Mrs. Brown:

This letter shall serve as a follow-up to the complaint investigation and subsequent visit of the above-referenced facility conducted on April 20, 2010 by Don Waltermeyer and myself. On April 3, 2010, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (Ohio EPA) Northwest District Office (NWDO), Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) received a complaint from an irate neighbor regarding excessive fugitive dust emissions. The dust was generated as club members graded the dirt track in winds in excess of 50 mph without applying any water dust suppressant while preparing for the start of race season. Sunset Ramblers Motorcycle Club (Sunset) applied some water while continuing their track preparation on April 4, 2010, however the complainant was still affected.

NWDO, DAPC visited Sunset to discuss with Sunset board members the facility's complaint/compliance history and Ohio EPA expectations of Sunset according to the Permit-to-Operate (PTO) that was issued on April 3, 1997. The issue of fugitive dust generated by track preparation activities, flat track/motocross practices or paid events as a result of inadequate watering has been an ongoing problem at this facility for years. Neighbors to the track have complained about dust from the track impacting their property, health, quality of life and in some cases, their livelihood. They have also stated that, in the past, some track members expressed an unconcerned, ignorant and uncivil attitude toward addressing the nuisance they were creating.

Due to the numerous complaints, it was determined that there was probable cause to believe that Sunset caused a public nuisance resulting in Ohio EPA issuing Sunset a PTO on April 3, 1997. The PTO states that dust suppressants shall be applied "to minimize or eliminate, **at all times**, visible emissions..." and requires that dust suppressant be applied once each day, **at a minimum**, when the track is in use and for water usage records to be maintained. Since the PTO was issued, activities at the track have periodically generated fugitive dust complaints that resulted in notice of violation letters being issued.

Ohio EPA's expectations, as outlined in the PTO, are clear: Sufficient and repeated watering of the flat and motocross tracks anytime they are in use is required in order to reduce fugitive particulate emissions. Future complaints that result in the issuance of a notice of violation will be addressed through permit modifications and enforcement action.

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At this time, Ohio EPA requests copies of Sunset's watering records from 2007 through the present, including a listing of race and practice dates. Additionally, Ohio EPA is requiring Sunset to devise an approach to prevent fugitive particulate emissions generated from any track usage activities from causing a nuisance. A detailed strategy to resolve this problem must be submitted to this office and should include any additional measures employed and the dates those measures were implemented. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit, records of these additional control measures should be kept and be available for review by an inspector.

The company's written response to this letter is requested by June 1, 2010. It should be submitted to Ohio EPA, Northwest District Office and contain the information requested above. The plan must remedy the observed situation and prevent these, or any similar such situation, from occurring in the future.

We appreciate the Board of Directors meeting with us on the 20th and look forward to its future cooperation. If the club has any questions and/or comments concerning this letter or the copy of the permit that is enclosed, please contact me at the above address, by calling (419) 373-4112, or electronically via e-mail at jennifer.jolliff@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



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Division of Air Pollution Control

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