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Re: Richland County
Custom Hardwoods
220 Mansfield Industrial Parkway
Mansfield, OH 44903
Premise # 0370010310
Notice of Violation

January 3, 2008

CERTIFIED MAIL
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Mr. Christopher Fraley
220 Mansfield Industrial Parkway
Mansfield, OH 44903

Dear Mr. Fraley:

This letter shall serve as follow-up to the complaint investigation that was forwarded from the Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department to Ohio EPA's Northwest District Office (NWDO). This complaint was investigated on December 6, 2007 by Mr. Thomas Cikotte and myself representing the Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC). The complaint was regarding the facility's use of a wood burning heater.

During the investigation, it was determined that the facility was burning unclean wood. The plume exiting the wood burner stack was yellowish in color when we reached the facility. Upon further investigation of the matter, we found medium-density fibreboard (MDF) pieces in the pile to be burned with other particle board wood.

The burning of MDF results in the emissions of toxic air contaminants and is prohibited from being burned. It is uncertain how long the facility has been burning this type of wood. This operation is thereby in violation of, at a minimum, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-15-07 for being a public nuisance.

The facility is required to submit the following information regarding the two wood burners:

- * the manufacturer and contact information of each wood burning heater;
- * the maximum heat input of each wood burning heater in British thermal units per hour;

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- * the amount of wood burned each cycle and the duration, in hours, of the cycle;
- * the steps that the facility has taken since the investigation to ensure no wood other than clean wood is being burned; and
- * the stack data for each wood burning heater to include the stack height, diameter, and volumetric flow.

This information should be submitted within two weeks after the receipt of this letter. Further investigation will continue to ensure that the facility is burning clean wood. The same types of complaints were lodged against your facility previously located at 4280 Hinesville Road in the city of Shelby. The investigation at that time also determined that the facility was burning unclean wood and was detailed in a Notice of Violation letter dated July 19, 2006 as well as a warning letter dated May 25, 2007. In the company's response to this letter, please also explain why it has chosen to disregard the requirement to burn only clean, natural wood.

Please be advised that this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties pursuant to ORC section 3704.06. The Ohio EPA will make a decision on whether to pursue or decline to pursue such penalties regarding this matter at a later date. Please address all future correspondences including deviation reports to me.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please contact me at (419) 373-3118.

Sincerely,



Mohammad Smidi
Environmental Specialist
NWDO/DAPC

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