



Environmental
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
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Re: Wood County
Northern Ohio Grain Cooperative
20589 Taylor Street
Weston, OH 43569
Premise #0387000244
Post-inspection warning letter

October 20, 2011

Mr. H. D. Roe, General Manager
Northern Ohio Grain Cooperative
P. O. Box 322
Weston, Ohio 43569

Dear Mr. Roe:

This letter shall serve as follow-up to the inspection conducted at the above-referenced facility on October 6, 2011. The reason for the inspection was to determine the compliance status of the emission units that are operating at the above-referenced facility with the rules and regulations of the Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC).

Based on my observations during the inspection as well as a review of the facility files at the Northwest District Office (NWDO), the findings of the inspection are summarized as follows:

1. The facility was issued a renewal Permit to Install and Operate (PTIO), Permit Number P0087879, on June 20, 2011, for emissions unit F001 (a three thousand bushels per hour Zimmerman column grain dryer) that was installed in 1998. The referenced PTIO supersedes Permit to Install (PTI) #03-13114 issued on January 27, 1999. The PTI required the facility to submit annual reports by January 31 of each year identifying the tons per year of grain throughput in this emissions unit. This requirement was not met. In addition, the current PTIO requires the facility to maintain monthly grain throughput in this emissions unit. As we discussed, this record keeping requirement was not being met either. It was indicated that this requirement will be complied with.
2. The facility was issued a PTI (#03-1935) on January 9, 1985, for installing a Zimmerman column grain dryer and a truck unloading pit. Note that this grain dryer is not the same as the one indicated in #1 above and is still actively being used. The facility has three receiving pits, one installed in 1984, and the other two prior to that time. The truck unloading pits have been assigned emissions unit F002.

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Both of these emission units (grain dryer assigned emissions unit F004 and truck unloading pits) do not have a renewal application submitted. Therefore, the facility is required to submit a PTIO application for each of those units.

3. The facility also has grain loading operations. Since the facility has been modified since 1974 with increases in storage capacity (current capacity is 2.1 million bushels), this emissions unit assigned emission unit number F003 is currently unpermitted. The facility is required to submit a PTIO application for this emissions unit.

The facility is required to submit the applications by no later than November 18, 2011. If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this letter, feel free to contact me at (419) 373-3118 or by e-mail at mohammad.smidi@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



Mohammad Smidi
Environmental Specialist
Division of Air Pollution Control

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