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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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Re: Wood County  
Owens Sandblasting  
3970 Moline-Martin Road  
Millbury, OH 43447  
Complaint Investigation/NOV

May 8, 2008

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Tom Owens, Co-Owner  
27696 Oregon Road  
Lot 95  
Perrysburg, Ohio 43551

Dear Mr. Owens:

This letter shall serve as a follow-up to the visit conducted on April 25, 2008, at the above referenced facility. The purpose of the visit was to determine the justification of the complaint lodged against the facility on April 21, 2008. During the visit, I met your brother, Curtis who showed me around the site. Based on my visit of the location and in talking to him, the findings of the visit are as follows:

The air contaminant emission units discovered at the facility can be summarized as follows:

- Painting operation
- Sandblasting operations

The facility started operation at this location in January of this year. As explained during the visit, the painting operation requires a Permit to Install (PTI) prior to installation. Curtis mentioned during the investigation that Mr. Ron Nabors of Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) has been helping and may have already submitted the PTI application to the Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC). However, Mr. Nabors indicated he was awaiting contact from the company, which he never received. The company must contact Mr. Nabors so that the process of submitting the application will be completed.

The complaint lodged against the facility was regarding the paint fume odors and the heavy dust from the sandblasting operation in the adjacent building.

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Although the complaint did not appear justified, i.e., the Ohio EPA does not regulate indoor air quality, the facility is still currently in violation of having installed and operated an emissions unit (painting operation) prior to obtaining a PTI and Permit to Operate (PTO). This is a direct violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules 3745-31-02, 3745-35-02 and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3704.05. The sandblasting operation is not regulated by us as it is conducted in a totally enclosed area and there are no emission to the ambient air.

This letter was originally sent to the address obtained from Curtis (27695 Tracy Road in Walbridge). However, that turned out to be an undeliverable address. A PTI and PTO application, as required above, should be submitted to the attention of Mr. Don Waltermeyer by no later than May 30, 2008. Please be advised that the submission of the requested information to respond to 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.

Sincerely,



Mohammad Smidi  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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