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CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Oscar Gallaro
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Re: Warning Letter
Demolition at 625 N. Shoop Avenue
Ohio Asbestos Emission Control Rules

Dear Mr. Gallaro:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Northwest District Office (NWDO), Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) received a complaint June 19, 2007, which identified demolition at 625 N. Shoop Avenue, Wauseon Ohio was taking place. This letter is being written as a follow-up to the site inspection conducted at this location June 20, 2007. The inspection confirmed that demolition of two portions of the Los Mariachis Mexican Restaurant was taking place. Ohio EPA's rules regarding asbestos and building demolition are contained in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-20. These regulations require contractors have a thorough inspection of a facility completed by a certified asbestos hazard evaluation specialist prior to beginning any demolition or renovation project. A facility is any institutional, commercial, public or industrial structure.

Based on the results of the asbestos survey removal of asbestos could be required before demolition or renovation can proceed.

Ohio EPA's rules also require a written notice of intent to renovate or demolish be submitted to Ohio EPA at least 10 working days prior to work beginning. Some contractors are not aware that every demolition project at a facility requires an asbestos notification, regardless of whether asbestos was found during the inspection or not.

Upon learning of these requirements during the inspection June 20, 2007, demolition work ceased immediately. The required asbestos inspection by a certified asbestos hazard evaluation specialist has been completed and no regulated asbestos containing material was found to be present. Notification of the demolition was received by our office June 20, 2007, with work scheduled to resume July 11, 2007.

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Enclosed is a fact sheet on understanding Asbestos Notification requirements and a copy of a notification. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (419) 373-3130.

Sincerely,

Chad Delbecq
Division of Air Pollution Control

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