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Mr. Louis Paloci
Lou's Eastside Tire
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RE: LOU'S EASTSIDE TIRE, YOUNGSTOWN, OH, MAHONING COUNTY
OPEN DUMPING AND IMPROPER STORAGE OF SCRAP TIRES
NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NOV)

Dear Mr. Paloci:

On July 11, 2012, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Division of Materials and Waste Management (DMWM) Northeast District Office (NEDO) inspected Lou's Eastside Tire (Property) located at 690 Wilson Avenue in Youngstown, Mahoning County, Ohio. Ohio EPA has, in the past, issued NOVs for the unauthorized storage and open dumping of scrap tires at this site. The reason for this inspection was that scrap tires are once again accumulating on the Property and areas surrounding the Property.

Numerous tire piles were noted during the inspection. It is estimated that between 1000 and 1500 scrap tires were dumped on the ground throughout the Property. A semi-trailer was also present on the Property with the potential to hold 1400-1600 scrap tires.

The following violations of the **Ohio Revised Code (ORC)** and **Ohio Administrative Code (OAC)** concerning disposal and storage of scrap tires exist at the Property:

1. **OAC Rule 3745-27-60(B)(4)(a)** states *"Where multiple portable containers, trucks, or semitrailers are used to store scrap tires, the portable scrap tire containers, trucks, or semi-trailers shall be separated from...[b]uildings and structures that are owned or leased by the person storing the scrap tires by at least fifteen feet."*

   The trailer used to store scrap tires at the Property was parked within fifteen feet of the building. This trailer, and any others that are used to store scrap tires, should be separated from buildings by at least fifteen feet.

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2. **OAC Rule 3745-27-60(B)(7)(c)** states that *"[t]he following requirements apply to storage of scrap tires outside of portable containers, trucks, semi-trailers, a building or covered structure: [s]crap tire storage piles of five hundred scrap tires or less shall be at least twenty-five feet away from all buildings and other scrap tire storage piles."*

   Scrap tire storage piles were located within 25 feet of your building. Scrap tire storage piles need to be located at least twenty-five feet away from the building.

3. **OAC Rule 3745-27-60(B)(7)(e)** states that *"[s]ufficient fire breaks shall be maintained to allow access of emergency vehicles at all times to, around, and between the scrap tire storage piles and areas."*

   Fire lanes were not being maintained to allow access of emergency vehicles to and around the scrap tire piles. Sufficient fire breaks need to be maintained on the Property to allow access of emergency vehicles at all times to, around, and between the scrap tire storage piles and areas.

4. **OAC Rule 3745-27-60(B)** states that *"[t]he storage of scrap tires in any amount outside or inside a trailer, vehicle, or building is deemed a nuisance, a hazard to public health or safety, or fire hazard unless the scrap tires are stored in accordance with the [standards in OAC Rule 3745-27-60(B)]."*

   Scrap tires at the Property are not being stored in compliance with the standards identified in OAC Rule 3745-27-60(B) and are therefore deemed to be a nuisance, a hazard to public health and safety, and a fire hazard.

5. **ORC Section 3734.03** states, in part, that *"[n]o person shall dispose of solid wastes by...open dumping, except as authorized by the director of environmental protection in rules adopted in accordance with...the [ORC]."*

   OAC Rule 3745-27-01(O)(4)(b) defines "open dumping" to include: *"[t]he deposition of solid wastes that consist of scrap tires into waters of the state, and also means the final deposition of scrap tires on or into the ground at any place other than a scrap tire collection, storage, monofill, monocell, or recovery facility licensed under section 3734.81 of the [ORC]...."*

   OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C) states that *"[n]o person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping. In the event that open dumping is occurring or has occurred at a property, the person(s) responsible for the open dumping, the owner of the property, or the person(s) who allow or allowed open dumping to occur, shall*

promptly remove and dispose or otherwise manage the solid waste in accordance with Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code, and shall submit verification that the solid waste has been properly managed."

ORC 3734.02(C) states that "*...no person shall establish a new solid waste facility...without submitting an application for a permit with accompanying detail plans, specifications, and information regarding the facility and method of operation regarding the facility and method of operation and receiving a permit issued by the Director....*"

ORC 3734.05(A)(1) states, in part, that "...no *person shall operate or maintain a solid waste facility without a license issued under this division by the board of health of the health district in which the facility is located or by the director of environmental protection when the health district in which the facility is located is not on the approved list under section 3734.08 of the Revised Code.*"

OAC Rule 3745-37-01(A) states that *"[n]o person shall conduct municipal solid waste landfill...operations without possessing a separate, valid license for each such operation, as required by Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code and the Administrative Code rules adopted thereunder. Each license shall be obtained from the board of health in the health district in which the facility is located, or by the director, if the director has assumed the licensing function for that health district."*

It is estimated that 1000-1500 scrap tires have been open dumped on the Property creating an unpermited, unlicensed solid waste landfill. These tires must be removed and properly transported and disposed of per OAC and ORC.

Compliance with the following rules was not able to be confirmed due to the dry weather conditions. However, please be aware that these rules apply to your Property and must be complied with at all times:

OAC Rule 3745-27-60(C)(1) states that *"[a]nyone storing scrap tires shall maintain mosquito control [by one of the following]: (a) Remove liquids from scrap tires within twenty-four hours of accepting the scrap tires; (b) Store scrap tires such that water does not accumulate in scrap tires or containers. Tires shall be kept free of water at all times; or (c) Within twenty-four hours of accepting scrap tires containing liquid, arrange for the application of a pesticide or larvicide, which is registered for use as mosquito control by the Ohio Department of Agriculture."*

OAC Rule 3745-27-60(C)(2) states that *"[a]nyone storing scrap tires shall [m]aintain mosquito control by keeping all tires dry or by continuing applications of a pesticide or larvicide to all scrap tires stored outdoors at no greater than thirty-day intervals or as recommended by the manufacturer or formulator."*

OAC Rule 3745-27-60(C)(3) states that *"[a]nyone storing scrap tires shall [m]aintain mosquito control records at the premises indicating the name, type, amount used per tire, and EPA registration number of the pesticide or larvicide, the date and time of the application, and the name of the person who applied the pesticide or larvicide. The property owner or the owner or operator of the premises shall make the mosquito control records available for inspection by the director or the health commissioner during normal operating hours. The owner or operator shall retain copies of mosquito control records for a minimum period of three years."*

In the past, following inspections, you asked for this information; therefore, I am supplying it again for your benefit. At a minimum, the following rules apply to your Property:

OAC Rule 3745-27-60(B)(7)(a) states *"[t]he following requirements apply to storage of scrap tires outside of portable containers, trucks, semi-trailers, a building or covered structure: [i]ndividual scrap tire storage piles shall be no greater than two thousand five hundred square feet in basal area and the total number of scrap tires shall not exceed the amount specified in paragraph (A) of rule 3745-27-61 of the Administrative Code."*

OAC Rule 3745-27-61(A)(2)(a)(i) states that for a scrap tire collection facility *"[t]he requirement to obtain a scrap tire collection facility registration certificate does not apply to the owner or operator of...premises where tires are sold at retail...[where]* ***no more than one thousand scrap tires*** *are present any time in an unsecured, uncovered, outdoor location."*

In order to attain compliance with OAC and ORC, you must immediately take actions to abate the nuisance, public health, safety and fire hazard. Please notify Ohio EPA in writing, **within 15 days of your receipt of this letter,** of the steps you are currently taking or have taken to comply with the violations cited in this letter. **Please provide Ohio EPA with the name(s) and registration number(s) of the approved scrap tire transporter(s) that remove scrap tires from your Property. Also, please provide receipts from the scrap tire facility indicating weight or volume of the scrap tires disposed**. Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in escalated enforcement action being taken by this Agency.

Nothing in this letter shall be construed to authorize any waiver from the requirements of any applicable state or federal laws or regulations. This letter shall not be interpreted to release the owner or operator, or others, from responsibility under Chapters 3704, 3714, 3734, or 6111 of the Ohio Revised Code or under the Federal Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act for remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants to the environment.

If you have any question regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1103 or at joshua.adams@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

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