



**Environmental
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July 17, 2012

**TUSCARAWAS COUNTY
SIMONDS INDUSTRIES, INC.
RCRA-LQG
OHD 018 221 853**

David P. Witman, Esquire
Simonds International
P.O. Box 500
Fitchburg, MA 01420

Dear Mr. Witman:

On April 6, 2012, Ohio EPA received a response to the March 12, 2012, Notice of Violation (NOV), which included a revised 2011 Annual Groundwater Monitoring Report. Based on Ohio EPA's review of this response, Simonds Industries, Inc. has demonstrated abatement of the following previously cited violations:

- 1) **Annual Report, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-54-75(J)**
- 2) **Annual report, OAC rule 3745-54-75**

Simonds Industries, Inc. has failed to provide information regarding the abandonment of monitoring wells PZ-A and PZ-B as required; therefore, remains in violation of the following hazardous waste law:

- 1) **General ground water monitoring requirements, OAC Rule 3745-54-97(C):**
As noted previously, until properly abandoned, the boreholes may serve as conduits for additional contamination to reach the aquifer. Simonds has noted that the current owner, who destroyed the wells during demolition activities, is in receivership to the bank. The April 6, 2012 response letter states that Simonds is further investigating the closure of these wells. Until the wells are properly abandoned, Simonds remains in violation of this rule.

Within **fourteen (14) days** of receipt of this letter, Simonds Industries, Inc. is requested to provide documentation to this office verifying abatement of the aforementioned violation. Failure to address listed violations and respond within this timeframe may result in escalated enforcement against Simonds Industries, Inc. for violation of Chapter 3734. of the Ohio Revised Code, which carries a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per day for each violation. Documentation of steps taken to return to compliance includes, written correspondence, updated policies, and photographs, as appropriate, and may be submitted electronically to me at melody.stewart@epa.ohio.gov. If Simonds Industries,

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Inc. is unable to return to compliance within the fourteen (14) day timeframe, or has questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (740) 380-5256.

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.

Sincerely,



Melody Stewart
District Representative
Division of Materials and Waste Management

MS/sb

cc: Shawn Ansbro, Lawhon & Associates, Inc.
Doug Snyder, DDAGW-SEDO

Notice:

Ohio EPA's failure to list specific deficiencies or violations in this letter does not relieve your company from having to comply with all appropriate regulations