



Environmental
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June 6, 2011

RE: ACO POLYMER PRODUCTS INC
3GR01096*DG
STORMWATER
GEAUGA COUNTY

Ms. Cheryl Barta
Manager, Human Resources, Health & Safety
ACO Polymer Products, Inc.
P.O. Box 245
Chardon, OH 44024

Dear Ms. Barta:

On June 2, 2011 this writer conducted an inspection of your facility, located at 12080 Ravenna Road, Chardon, Ohio to determine compliance with your Industrial General Storm Water NPDES permit referenced above. Along with my observations from the inspection I have provided comments concerning your permit below:

General:

1. This site is the location of ACO Polymer Products, Inc., a company that produces drainage products.
2. The storm water on the site empties into various drains which lead to the road ditch.

Inspection Observations:

1. While walking around the outside of the building I noticed a few areas of concern. A dumpster containing mainly cardboard on the southwest side of the facility was uncovered. Dumpsters such as this should be covered with a tarp or lid to avoid collection of storm waters and leaching.
2. A storm drain near the building on the south side seemed to be collecting some of the pulverized sand kept nearby. Some of this sand was seen on the ground also. This area should be swept up and kept clean to avoid any sand from entering the storm drain system. Drip pans should be used in any transportation processes to avoid any spills or the drain could be plugged if the source of this sand on the ground cannot be stopped and if the drain is not deemed necessary.

Permit:

1. The Notice of Intent should be kept with the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) if possible.

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2. The SWPPP should include a narrative description of potential pollutant sources at the following areas:
 - a. Loading and unloading docks,
 - b. Outdoor manufacturing processing activities,
 - c. Significant dust or particulate generating processes, and
 - d. Onsite waste disposal practices.
3. Spill Prevention and Response Procedures should be listed in detail in the plan.
4. The plan should include yearly visual inspection records.
5. The plan should include yearly employee training records and dates.

Action Items

- Make appropriate additions to SWPPP.
- Keep dumpster covered by tarp or lid.
- Clean out drain containing sand and the surrounding area on south side. Look to stop sand discharge at source.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter, feel free to contact this writer at (330) 963-1125 or by email kelly.mcvay@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,



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Division of Surface Water

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