



Environmental
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor
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February 24, 2011

RE: AKRON BURIAL VAULT CO.
3GR01072*AG
STORMWATER
SUMMIT COUNTY

Mr. Martin Ebie
Akron Burial Vault Co.
2399 Gilchrist Road
Akron, Ohio 44305

Dear Mr. Ebie:

On February 18, 2011 this writer conducted a compliance evaluation inspection of your company located at 2399 Gilchrist Road, Akron, Summit County. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with your stormwater permit referenced above. You accompanied me during the inspection. The results are summarized below:

General

Akron Burial Vault Company is a crematorium and concrete burial vault manufacturer located in the City of Akron. Water is supplied by the City of Akron, however, reportedly the site is served by an on-site septic system. You do possess a General Stormwater Permit as raw and waste materials are exposed to precipitation. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan has been prepared for your facility by Futurity, Inc. At the time of the inspection it could not be located. It has since been submitted to our office electronically.

Inspection Observations

Your company is located at the northeast corner of Gilchrist and Darrow Road. The front of the building is paved and used for employee and visitor parking. The area on the east side is used for receipt and shipping and is also paved. The north side of the building is unpaved and backs up against a steep hillside. Raw materials such as sand and stone aggregate used to form the vaults are stored in open cribs. Waste materials are stored at the very northeast corner of the property against the base of the hillside. Pictures are attached for your reference.

Brought to your attention were a couple items concerning the waste storage area. Some of the materials present were as follows:

- 1) Broken refractory brick.
- 2) Sand and asphalt overspray from cleaning the floors in the crematorium.
- 3) Latex paint waste.
- 4) Broken concrete.

Your solid waste dumpster lid was open. Dumpster lids should be closed at all times to prevent contact of precipitation with solid waste.

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A small stream of water from the waste pile was observed emanating from the waste storage pile. It traveled across the pavement and entered the storm sewer at Gilchrist Road (outfall 002). Please be advised that these materials are considered solid waste and must be managed accordingly. Stormwater that comes into contact with solid waste may become contaminated. Discharging contaminants is not authorized by your General Industrial Stormwater Permit. Waste should be stored under roof, in a roll off box, or at least covered with a tarp to prevent contact with precipitation.

A cursory review of the SWPPP has been done. Below is a list of comments:

- 1) The SWPPP appears to have been completed in 1999. It should be evaluated on a yearly basis and updated accordingly. Has this been done?
- 2) It does not appear that the employee training and monthly inspections are being done on the proposed schedule listed in the SWPPP. Annual employee training should be conducted concerning the SWPPP and related environmental issues and documented.
- 3) The pollution prevention team consists of one person. Additional persons should be added that have responsibilities such as receipt or transport of raw and waste materials in and out of the facility or a person which has authority to act on your behalf when you are not present.
- 4) The SWPPP is 177 pages long and appears to be one written for a Group Permit. It should be simplified and made specific to your site so that it can be easily disseminated to your employees.

Please address the issue of runoff from the solid waste storage area as soon as possible but no later than March 31, 2011. The above comments concerning your SWPPP should be incorporated into an updated plan. I will be re-inspecting your facility in April to determine compliance with the solid waste runoff. If you should have any questions concerning this letter feel free to contact this writer at (330) 963-1136 or by e-mail at phil.rhodes@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



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Akron Burial Vault 2/18/11
view of waste pile and runoff as it travels



Akron Burial Vault 2/18/11 water from
waste pile area to Gilchrist Road
Storm Sewer

