



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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July 5, 2011

RE: ALCO MFG CORP
3GR01023*DG
STORMWATER
LORAIN COUNTY

Mr. Matthew Basinski
Operations Manager
Alco Manufacturing Corporation, LLC
10584 Middle Ave
Elyria, OH 44035

Dear Mr. Basinski:

On June 23, 2011 this writer conducted an inspection of your facility, located at 10584 Middle Ave, Elyria, 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 Alco Manufacturing Corporation, a company which turns steel bars into hydraulic fittings.
2. Storm water on site empties into an unnamed tributary north of the facility which eventually goes to Black River.
3. All water which enters the facility's storm drain system is sent through an oil water separator before being discharged.

Inspection Observations:

1. While walking around the outside of the building I noticed a few areas of concern. On the north side of the building, under a roofed area, there were some hoppers which stored clean metal grindings. A lot of particulate matter was seen scattered around on the cement outside this area as well as some oil sheen. This area should be swept regularly to prevent run off from accumulating any of this dust. Absorbent materials should be used to soak up any signs of oil and drip pans should be used to prevent trucks from leaking in this area.
2. Oil staining and discoloration was observed covering a majority of the cement around the back of the building (Figure 1 and 2). Good housekeeping and BMP's should be used to keep these areas clean and free from oils off of the incoming steel. These steel bars should be stored indoors or undercover in a bermed area to prevent the spread of any oils which may be covering them. The cement

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should be cleaned using absorbent materials and kept clean with a regular maintenance schedule in order to prevent the spread of pollutants to the storm water system.

Permit:

1. At the time of inspection the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) was being updated. Please send the updated version of the SWPPP to this office for review no later than July 22, 2011. A letter indicating any corrective actions or improvements to be made will be sent to you upon review of the plan.

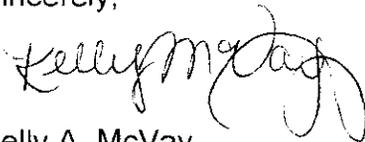
Action Items

- Clean area around hoppers on north side of the building.
- Clean cement and other oil stained areas on back side of building. Implement BMPs to keep this area clean.
- Submit a copy of your updated SWPPP.

You are directed to provide me with a letter of response indicating the actions you will take to address the concerns and violations noted above. Please provide me with a letter of response along with the updated copy of your SWPPP for review no later than July 22, 2011.

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

Sincerely,



Kelly A. McVay
Assistant to the District Engineer
Division of Surface Water

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Figure 1: Oily residue from the steel on the pavement and gravel.



Figure 2: Oily residue from the steel and tires on the pavement.