

**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

April 21, 2011

RE: GENERAL METAL POWDERS  
3GR00617\*DG  
STORMWATER  
SUMMIT COUNTY

Mr. Eric Squire  
Environmental Engineer  
General Metal Powders Co.  
1195 Home Avenue  
Akron, Ohio 44310-2508

Dear Mr. Squire:

On April 19, 2011 this writer, along with Pam Korenewych, Ohio EPA, NEDO conducted an inspection of your facility for the purpose of determining compliance with the above referenced General Stormwater Permit.

General Metal Powders is located at 130 Elinor Avenue, Akron, Summit County. Your company produces copper coated brake pads and clutch discs for ATV's, tow motors, and tractors. You also produce from copper plates, a copper powder to be used as friction material. You collect, treat and discharge process wastewater to the City of Akron sanitary sewers under an Indirect Discharge Permit. Reportedly all floor drains located in process areas are connected to the pretreatment system. There are no floor drains connected to the storm sewers.

There was only one area of the facility where exposure exists at your facility. It was located outside the maintenance shop wall. A drum of naphthalene used to clean parts is stored on its side in a plastic containment caddy used to collect spillage when naphthalene is withdrawn from a valve. Also a second drum of naphthalene was present nearby. These drums are not stored inside due to fire insurance restrictions. Their presence prevents you from filing a "No Exposure Certification" to opt out of the general Stormwater Permit. We discussed building an enclosure off the wall to isolate the drums from precipitation. You indicated that you would consider this option. The enclosure will also need to provide containment of the drums should an accident occur as a storm inlet is located immediately outside the fence in the access road. This can be a concrete dike wall or similar.

Please send me a copy of your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for our review and your file. It should be submitted no later than April 29, 2011. If the plan needs to be updated please let this office know that more time will be needed.

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If you should have any questions concerning any of the above, feel free to contact this writer at (330) 963-1136 or by e-mail at [phil.rhodes@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:phil.rhodes@epa.state.oh.us).

Sincerely,



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