



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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June 7, 2010

RE: SMITHERS-OASIS USA
3GR00045*DG
STORMWATER
PORTAGE COUNTY

Mr. Kevin Kilroy
Safety & Environmental Manager
P.O. Box 118
Kent, Ohio 44240

Dear Mr. Kilroy:

On June 4, 2010 this writer conducted an inspection of your facility to determine compliance with your Industrial General Storm Water NPDES permit referenced above. Besides you, Lindsey Olmstead, Ohio EPA Intern was present during the inspection. Smithers-Oasis located 919 Marvin Avenue, Kent, Portage County is a manufacturer of floral foam used in the florist and nursery industry. Your SIC code is listed as 3086, Plastic Foam products. Other than stormwater there are no direct discharges to waters of the state.

During the visit we performed a cursory review of your Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The plan was fairly complete but needs to be updated since it was last updated in 2005. You indicated that by the end of August 2010 it would be done. Below is a summary of our findings from the inspection:

Inspection (pictures attached)

- 1) There is an inside floor drain in Building #16. The destination of the floor drain needs to be determined. Please be advised that there must not be any inside floor drain throughout your facility connected to storm sewers. Unless connected to the sanitary sewers, they must be permanently sealed.
- 2) Noted was the storage of approximately 10 totes east of Building #15. Care should be taken to minimize the storage of any containers containing residuals.
- 3) Green foam product and other debris were observed around the area containing the storage silos and compactor. Runoff would enter the storm sewer located under the Building DC sign. This area must be cleaned and kept clean to minimize the runoff of pollutants.
- 4) Foam residual was also emanating from a pipe leak outside the building where the "hockey pucks" are produced. Most of it was being caught by a shallow container. Some of it was on the ground. The leak must be fixed to eliminate exposure to stormwater.

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- 5) Foam residual was also observed around the dust collection area. Again all foam residuals must be kept from exposure to stormwater. If the material is leaking, the leak must be fixed. If it is spilled it should be cleaned up as soon as possible.
- 6) A drip pan is used to catch residuals from two hoses used to transfer product into the building. It was turned over on its side and leaning up against a wall. A small amount of residuals were on the pavement. While the material may not easily run off into a storm drain, it is not an acceptable practice.

Please submit a copy of the updated SWPPP when it is completed, but no later than August 31, 2010. The update must adequately address the above listed items. If you should have any questions concerning this letter feel free to contact this writer at (330) 963-1136.

Sincerely,



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