

**Environmental
Protection Agency**

Governor
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Director

August 2, 2011

RE: SOLON SPECIALTY WIRE
3GR00946*DG
STORMWATER
CUYAHOGA

Mr. Mark Strader
Solon Specialty Wire
30000 Solon Road
Solon, OH 44139

Dear Mr. Strader:

On August 1, 2011 this writer conducted an inspection of your facility, located at 30000 Solon Road, to determine compliance with the Ohio EPA General Storm Water National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for Industrial Activities #OHR000004 referenced above. Michelle Hummel, also of the Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water, was also present for this inspection. Along with our observations from the inspection we have provided comments concerning your permit below:

General:

1. This site is the location of Solon Specialty Wire, which functions as a wire mill.
2. Storm water drains to the east of the property to a drainage ditch, then north to a catch basin at Solon Road. This water then flows east along Solon Road until it eventually reaches a tributary of Tinkers Creek.

Inspection Observations:

1. While walking around the outside of the building we noticed a few areas of concern. Oil is sometimes brought in at the docking area on the east side of the building. Because there are two storm drain in this area which are not equipped with valves, spill kits and drain covers should be stored nearby and used to prevent any spills that may occur from entering the storm drains in this area. Also, a drip pan should be used under the connection between the oil hose and the truck to catch any drips.
2. Drums containing various wastes and liquids were kept under a roofed area on the west side of the facility. As discussed, although these drums are currently kept on pallets off of the ground and under cover of a roof, it is recommended that they also be kept on containment trays or in a diked area to prevent the spread of liquid should a leak or puncture occur. This area could also be graded differently so that it is sloped towards the building. This way any leaking liquids would be trapped and can be collected for disposal.

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Permit:

1. Mark Strader should be added to the Pollution Prevention Team in the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) as it appears he is partly responsible for its implementation.

Action Items

- Place spill kits and drain covers in the dock area and train employees on how these supplies should be used to protect the storm drains in this area.
- Consider a form of secondary containment for the drums containing liquids in the roofed area.
- Make aforementioned improvement to the 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 no later than August 19, 2011.

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. Should you have further questions after August 12, 2011, please contact Dan Bogoevski, also of the Division of Surface Water, at (330) 963-1145 or by email at dan.bogoevski@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,



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