

**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Composting Inspection
Huron County
Notice of Violation

June 7, 2012

Mr. Virgil Giles
18 New Street
Greenwich, Ohio 44837

Dear Mr. Giles:

On May 22, 2012, an inspection of the Greenwich Village Compost Site (facility) was conducted by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA). This facility is a Class IV composting facility and must meet the standards set forth in Chapter 3745-560 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). I represented Ohio EPA, the facility was not represented during the inspection.

A letter dated May 2, 2012, from Michael A. Reiser was sent to you detailing recent changes Ohio EPA has made to the composting rules. Also included with this letter were updated copies of the Log of Operations. Please use the updated copies of the Log of Operations.

The Log of Operations was not able to be inspected at the time of inspection. Please be advised that your facility must keep these logs and have them available for inspection.

All composting facilities are required to maintain a daily log of operations. The facility inspection must be completed once per week when feedstocks, bulking agents, or additives are received at the facility. The facility inspection must be completed once per month during the period when feedstocks, bulking agents, or additives are not received and when feedstocks, bulking agents, or additives or curing or cured compost remain at the facility.

At the time of inspection, the compost which consisted of brush and mixed solid waste was being burned. This is not an authorized action, and must stop immediately. The owner/operator is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-560-410(H)(3) which states:

(H) Operational control. The owner or operator shall operate the composting facility in such a manner that does the following:

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- (3) Prevents the occurrence of fire, the spread of fire, and extinguishes fire. The owner or operator shall act immediately to prevent the spread of fire and extinguish fire.**

The owner/ operator needs to immediately take the necessary measures to return to compliance with Ohio's environmental laws. Within 14 days of receipt of this letter, the owner/operator is requested to provide documentation to this office including the steps taken to abate the violation cited above. Documentation of steps taken to return to compliance includes written correspondence, updated policies, and photographs, as appropriate, and may be submitted via the postal service or electronically to tyler.madeker@epa.ohio.gov.

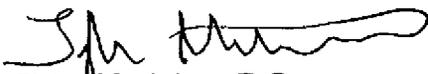
Please be advised that violations cited above will continue until the violations have been properly abated. Failure to comply with Chapter 3734. of the Ohio Revised Code and rules promulgated thereunder may result in a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per day for each violation. It is imperative that you return to compliance. If circumstances delay the abatement of violations, the owner/operator is requested to submit written correspondence of the steps that will be taken by date certain to attain compliance.

This correspondence addresses specific observations only for the areas of the facility that were inspected. Nothing present in, nor absent from this correspondence is intended to mean that no other violations existed at the facility at the time of the inspection.

Compliance with the requirements in this letter, or the solid and infectious waste provisions contained in the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3734 and the rules promulgated thereunder, does not relieve the owner/operator of the Greenwich Village composting site from their obligations to comply with other applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Northwest District Office at (419) 373-3078.

Sincerely,



Tyler Madeker, R.S.
Environmental Specialist
Division of Materials and Waste Management

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