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June 18, 2009

RE: COMMERCIAL ALLOYS  
3II00194\*AD  
SUMMIT COUNTY

Mr. Dennis Stropke  
Commercial Alloys  
1831 East Highland Road  
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

Dear Mr. Stropke:

On June 1, 2009 this writer along with David Rischar conducted an inspection of your facility to determine compliance with the above referenced NPDES permit. You were present during the visit. Commercial Alloys recycles aluminum scrap for re-sale. All wastewaters associated with this activity are discharged to the sanitary sewers. The only water discharged from the site to waters of the State of Ohio is storm water. The entire yard area surrounding the building is paved. Catch basins located throughout the yard convey storm water to a storm water detention basin. This basin overflows to an oil/water separator which in turn discharges to an unnamed tributary to Tinkers Creek. At the time of the inspection the water in the detention basin was clear. No visual problems with your discharge were noted.

The following areas of concern were brought to your attention and pictures are attached:

- 1) At the south side of the building there is a baghouse/cyclone/spark/arrester. There is a light powder accumulating on the ground that is exposed to storm water. The collection bag should be made tighter and the area monitored frequently to remove any accumulation.
- 2) On the north side there is some demolition debris including tires that should be removed as soon as possible and disposed properly.
- 3) Salt is being stored on the north side. Salt cannot be exposed to storm water. The salt should be removed or a permanent structure built to ensure no contact with the storage pile.
- 4) Diesel storage tanks should be kept clean of oil staining. A spill kit should be located next to each location.

Noted was the connection of outfall 002 to the storm water detention basin, and thus its elimination. This will be addressed in the next NPDES permit renewal. Until then you are to report no flow at this station on your eDMR's.

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A review of your compliance history as determined by our SWIMS compliance tracking system for the time period of November 2006 through April 2009 revealed the following violations:

Station	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
001	Oil and Grease, Hexane	1D Conc	10	10.8	4/1/2007
001	pH	1D Conc	6.5	6.21	6/4/2007
001	Oil and Grease, Hexane	1D Conc	10	13.	1/8/2008
001	Oil and Grease, Hexane	1D Conc	10	11.	1/28/2008

If you should have any questions concerning the above, feel free to contact this writer at (330) 963-1136.

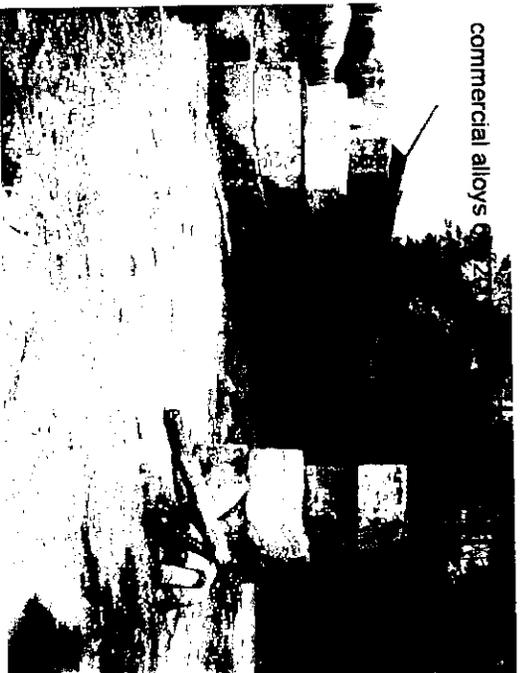
Sincerely,



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