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November 2, 2007

RE: ELYRIA FOUNDRY CO.
PERMIT NO. 3ID00070
LORAIN COUNTY

Mr. Chuck Harley, P.E.
Plant Engineer
Elyria Foundry Company
120 Filbert Street
Elyria, OH 44036

Dear Mr. Harley:

On October 25, 2007, I met with you as a follow up to our last meeting on April 5, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of the facility's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and also the facility's noncompliance in reporting monthly operating reports for the facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

You indicated that the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan has just recently been updated by RCA Management. You are currently reviewing the draft copy of this document and anticipate it being in final form by November 30, 2007. You also indicated that you have been unable to submit monthly operating reports via Ohio EPA's Surface Water Information Management System (SWIMS).

My last correspondence dated April 10, 2007, stated that a Web based application for submission of the NPDES permit data would be available sometime in June 2007. The launching of the application was delayed. Currently the Web based application is being tested with a small group of users. It is anticipated that the system will be available to all users by the end of the year. Once this becomes available, training will be offered at the Northeast District Office. Mr. Jamie Roberts, Ohio EPA's SWIMS Administrator, will assist you with any problems you may encounter. He can be contacted at (614) 644-2054.

You indicated that you would submit hard copies if necessary but have been waiting for the availability of the Web based application. Since the Web based application is going to be available to all users by the end of the year, this office would recommend waiting till the Web based application is running and submit the data from October 1, 2005, to the current date.

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007, for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the terms and conditions of the facility's NPDES permit. **No monthly operating report data has been submitted during this time period.**

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As previously reported, the facility's melting furnace inductors are cooled with a closed loop glycol system. Once-through non-contact cooling water would only be used to cool the foundry's furnaces in the event of an emergency or planned preventative maintenance. This once-through non-contact cooling water would then be discharged through the facility's NPDES permit. You informed me that no discharges have occurred during the above reviewed period.

Please be advised that such instances of noncompliance may be cause for enforcement actions pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at (330) 963-1143.

Respectfully,



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