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Re: Notice of Violation
Allen County
Tower Automotive
Facility No. 2DP00044

February 6, 2008

Mr. Mike Nieman
Tower Automotive
18717 County Road 15
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

Dear Mr. Nieman:

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring report covering the months of December 2005, to May 2006, for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your Indirect Discharge Permit. The specific instances of noncompliance are as follows:

<u>Outfall</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Reported</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Limitation</u>
101	Feb. 2006	Zinc	1900	ugl	1180

Please inform this office in writing as to the reasons for the referenced violations, as well as a description of the actions taken or proposed to prevent any further violations. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for completion of the actions.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements specified in your Indirect Discharge Permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111. If these violations continue to occur and if satisfactory progress is not made, it may be necessary to initiate enforcement action to achieve compliance.

The Ohio EPA strongly encourages pollution prevention as the preferred approach for waste management. The first priority of pollution prevention is to eliminate the generation of wastes and pollutants at the source (source reduction). For those wastes or pollutants that are generated, the second priority is to recycle or reuse them in an environmentally sound manner.

You can benefit economically, help preserve the environment, and improve your public image by implementing pollution prevention programs.

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If there are any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



Thomas Poffenbarger, P.E.
District Engineer
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