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Ted Strickland, Governor  
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Re: Ottawa County  
Brush Wellman, Inc.  
NPDES Permit

November 7, 2007

Mr. Charles Stewart, Sr. Environmental Engineer  
Brush Wellman, Inc.  
14710 W. Portage River South Rd.  
Elmore, Ohio 43416-9502

Dear Mr. Stewart:

On October 9, 2007, an NPDES permit compliance inspection was made at Brush Wellman. Mr. Larry Chako was present and provided information on facility operations, NPDES permit renewal issues and escorted me to inspect all the outfalls. Our comments are as follows:

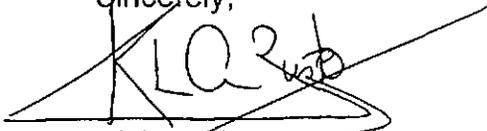
- 1) We are finalizing the Waste Load Allocation which will now allow us to begin the renewal of your NPDES permit which expired July 31, 2007. We regret the lengthy delay in the renewal process but could not proceed until this was completed. As mentioned in our last letter, due to compliance tracking issues we will be revising the current tiered limits reporting system used for outfall 099. It appears that we will be replacing it with individual reporting stations for each tier. Please continue to operate under current permit conditions until the renewal becomes effective.
- 2) Construction of the new beryllium Pebble Plant is scheduled to begin in Fall 2008, and expected to take at least two years to construct. NPDES issues will be addressed when we receive notification of the projected discharges. Please provide the information as soon as it becomes available.
- 3) All the permitted outfalls were reviewed, as well as some recently discovered uncontaminated stormwater runoff from green areas. These were included in the renewal application and we will review the necessity to include them in the renewal. All outfalls appeared acceptable. NPDES monthly operating reports are being received and a review since our last inspection indicated two minor violations.

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4) Mr. Chako was notified that we still have not received the requested missing data at outfalls 011 for antimony and priority organic pollutants (except PCB's). Please try to submit the data as soon as possible so we may incorporate it into our assessment.

If any of the above is in error, please notify me. In the near future you will be receiving a "draft" copy of the NPDES permit renewal. You should review it carefully, as there is a 30 day comment period to respond to any permit conditions. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at (419) 373-3020 or email at [rick.zuzik@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:rick.zuzik@epa.state.oh.us)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Zuzik", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is somewhat stylized and includes a large loop at the end.

Richard A. Zuzik, MSE  
Division of Surface Water

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pc: Eric Nygaard, DSW, CO  
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