



Environmental
Protection Agency

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

October 27, 2010

Mr. Troy Kajfasz, P.E., Environmental Services
Brush Wellman, Inc.
14710 West Portage River South Road
Elmore, Ohio 43416-9502

Dear Mr. Kajfasz:

On October 20, 2010, an NPDES permit compliance inspection was made at Brush Wellman. NPDES permit compliance was reviewed and we toured the outfalls. My comments are as follows:

- 1) All permitted outfalls were reviewed. Since the majority of outfalls are stormwater runoff, no discharges were taking place. Outfall 011 from the IWT had been discharging, however, it was automatically shut down when sensors monitoring pH indicated levels outside permit limits. Effluent was being retained in the basin for pH adjustment and discharges will resume, under manual control, when the effluent is in compliance.
- 2) NPDES monthly discharge monitoring reports are being received and four violations occurred since last year's inspection in August. None were reported thus far this year. Three pH and one copper violation from stormwater outfall 009 were all attributed to excessive algae growth in the retention pond.
- 3) Construction of the new beryllium Pebble Plant is nearly ready for initial start up operations with production scheduled for early 2011. Please notify me upon the beginning of official full scale production. The NPDES permit was modified to include pollutant notification levels following construction of the plant. If monitoring indicates that the minimum notification levels are being exceeded on a frequent basis, a permit modification needs to be submitted and either monitoring or effluent limitations will be incorporated for those parameters exceeded. Please refer to Part II, Item N. of the NPDES permit for details.

If you have any questions, or any of the above is in error, please call me at (419) 373-3020 or email at rick.zuzik@epa.state.oh.us

Sincerely,


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