



Environmental  
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor  
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Re: Wood County  
OmniSource  
Industrial Storm Water

May 24, 2011

Mr. Michael Starkey, Controller  
Mid Ohio Division  
OmniSource  
1810 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
P.O. Box 5248  
Lima, Ohio 45802

Dear Mr. Starkey:

On April 21, 2011, a stormwater compliance inspection was made of the OmniSource Facility, St. Marys, Auglaize County, to determine compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity (IGP) issued to this facility. The inspection consisted of a tour of the grounds outside of this facility and a review of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3). OmniSource is a metal scrap facility which recycles ferrous and non-ferrous metals along with automobiles. Justin Williams of Ohio EPA, Eric Murray and Brian Winters, both of OnmiSource were also present at the inspection.

On April 12, 2011, a minor sheen was spotted on an off-site ditch north of the OmniSource property. OmniSource responded by installing absorbent booms in the catch basins and ditch, vacuuming the water from the ditch, and jetting all the discharge lines from OmniSource. There was very little oil recovered. All of the water was pumped into containers and hauled off site for disposal. It was also found that a storm grate was clogged which did not allow storm water to flow but pond and become stagnant. The cleanup appeared complete.

Storm water from the scrap sorting and storage areas of OmniSource flows through onsite drainage ditches to a pond which has a layer of sand in its bottom. The water from the pond flows through a catch basin to the off-site ditch where the minor sheen was found. Storm water from the front of the facility which includes the driveway, building drains, parking areas and grassy areas, flows to a drainage ditch along County Road 33A. The observations made that day of the discharge from both the front and back of the facility did not indicate any ongoing problems with storm water.

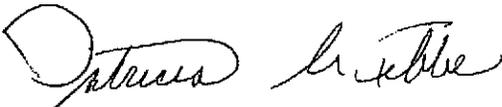
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During the walk through of the facility, there was storm water ponded in various areas around the site but no oil sheens were observed. The driveway is swept continuously with County Road 33A swept on an as needed basis. A review of the SWP3 shows that the plan is up to date, regular inspections are being made and trainings of all personal are incorporated into the monthly safety meetings.

The current IGP expires on May 31, 2011. This permit will continue in force and effect until a new general permit is renewed. Ohio EPA is currently in the process of renewing the IGP. Once the IGP is renewed, Ohio EPA will send an application packet to you with instructions on how to renew coverage.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (419) 373-3016 or by e-mail at [patricia.tebbe@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:patricia.tebbe@epa.state.oh.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia A. Tebbe".

Patricia A. Tebbe, P.E.  
Division of Surface Water

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