



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Defiance County  
OmniSource  
Industrial Storm Water

August 30, 2011

Mr. Eric J. Murray  
Environmental Specialist  
OmniSource  
7575 West Jefferson Boulevard  
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46804

Dear Mr. Murray:

On August 18, 2011, a stormwater compliance inspection was made of the OmniSource facility located in the City of Defiance, Defiance 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 that recycles ferrous metals and automobiles, and manufactures metal briquettes. Dave Centeno and John Lero, both of OmniSource, were also present at the inspection.

Storm water from the scrap sorting and storage areas of OmniSource flows through onsite drainage ditches to a pond at the southwest corner of the facility. The outlet structure from the pond acts as an oil/water separator. There was no discharge from the stormwater pond at the time of my inspection. OmniSource, Defiance, is mainly unpaved but the public streets in front of the facility are swept weekly by a private contractor.

During the walk through of the facility, it was noted that water in the drainage swales on the south side of the facility and in the pond was orange with some oils present. The pond was approximately two-thirds grown over with cattails and had two oil absorbent boons in place across the pond. The first boom was very dirty and had not been changed out in eight to ten years. The state of the second boon was not observed as it was in the middle of the cattails.

A review of the SWP3 shows the following deficiencies: The site map needs to be updated; inspection reports were only available for the past three quarters; there were no training records available for review; and the non stormwater certification had not been signed. I understood from discussion that training had not been done in the past two years and that there would be training scheduled for August 23, 2011.

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Please send written notification of what measures you have taken to correct the above deficiencies no later than September 12, 2011. Your response should include the dates, either actual or proposed, for the completion of the actions. In addition, the first boom on the stormwater pond is to be replaced as soon as possible. Please note manufacturer's specifications on operating and maintaining the oil absorbent booms and follow these specifications in the future. In your written notification letter, please state when the oil absorbent boom was replaced.

The current IGP expired 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 email at:  
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Sincerely,



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