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RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION
OPEN DUMPING

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To Whom It May Concern:

On August 23, 2012, I, representing the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), conducted a site investigation on the property located at 2285 Ashland Road (subject property) in Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. During my inspection, contractors from Broadway Contracting were at the property operating a backhoe and separating waste into piles. I spoke with a gentleman from Broadway Contracting named Domino. He explained to me that work on the property had been taking place for approximately a month and that materials were being loaded into roll-off boxes and removed by Kurtz Bros.

During the inspection, I observed burial of solid waste (see pictures #1-2), open dumping of solid waste, and scrap tires, and illegal disposal of construction and demolition debris (C&DD) on the subject property. I observed burial of solid waste on the northeast and east side of the property along the railroad tracks. I observed an area where soil and clean hard fill were spread out, leveled, and graded. Mixed in with the soil and clean hard fill was solid waste, tires and dimensional lumber.

I conducted an inspection of the subject property as a follow-up to previous inspections conducted on February 24, 2005, March 23, 2006, March 13, 2007, August 3, 2010, July 21, 2011, January 9, 2012 and June 28, 2012 by Ohio EPA Division of Materials and Waste Management (DMWM). The purpose of my inspection was to determine compliance with Ohio's solid waste and construction and demolition debris rules.

Upon completing my inspection of the subject property, I determined that the following violations of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) continue to exist at the subject property:

1. **Illegal Disposal of Construction and Demolition Debris (C&DD):** During the inspection C&DD wastes, including but not limited to, concrete piles (see picture #3), a large pile containing dimensional lumber (see picture #4) and a large brick pile (see picture #5) were observed illegally disposed of on this property. In addition, dimensional lumber was also observed buried along the northeast side of the property (see picture #6-7). In order to return to compliance with all applicable laws and rules, the owner(s) of this property must immediately remove all C&DD illegally disposed on this property and properly dispose of it at a licensed C&DD or solid waste disposal facility. Receipts providing proof of disposal at a licensed C&DD or solid waste facility must be provided to Ohio EPA. The owner(s) of this property must also take all necessary measures to prevent C&DD from being illegally disposed on this property.

   The illegal disposal of C&DD on this property is a violation of the following laws and rules:

   - **ORC Section 3714.06(A):** *"No person shall establish, modify, operate, or maintain a construction and demolition debris facility without a construction and demolition debris facility installation and operation license issued by...the director of environmental protection."*

   - **ORC Section 3714.13(A):** *"No person shall violate any section of this chapter."*

   - **ORC Section 3714.13(B):** *"No person shall violate a rule adopted under this chapter."*

   - **OAC Rule 3745-400-04(B):** *"No person shall conduct or allow illegal disposal of construction and demolition debris, as defined in rule 3745-400-01 of the Administrative Code."*

   - **OAC Rule 3745-37-01(C):** *"No person shall establish, modify, operate or maintain a construction and demolition debris facility without a construction and demolition debris facility license issued by the licensing authority..."*

2. **Open Dumping of Solid Waste:** During the inspection solid waste, including but not limited to household waste, household appliance parts, plastics, and automobile parts were observed buried on this property (see pictures #8-11). These wastes were buried along the northeast side of the property in an area that had been graded and leveled. In addition, solid waste was also mixed in with a large pile of dirt, a large pile of brick and it was mixed in with all six of the tire piles. In order to return to compliance with all applicable laws and rules, the owner(s) of this property must immediately remove all solid waste open dumped

on this property and properly dispose of it at a licensed solid waste disposal facility. Receipts providing proof of disposal at a licensed solid waste facility must be provided to Ohio EPA. The owner(s) of this property must also take all necessary measures to prevent additional solid waste from being open dumped on this property.

The open dumping of solid waste on this property is a violation of the following laws and rules:

- **ORC Section 3734.03:** *"No person shall dispose of solid wastes by open burning or open dumping..."*

- **ORC Section 3734.02(C):** *"...no person shall establish a new solid waste facility...without submitting an application for a permit...and receiving a permit issued by the director..."*

- **ORC Section 3734.05(A)(1):** *"...no person shall operate or maintain a solid waste facility without a license issued under this division...by the director of environmental protection..."*

- **ORC Section 3734.05(A)(2):** *"...each person proposing to open a new solid waste facility...shall submit an application for a permit...to the environmental protection agency for required approval under the rules adopted under division (D) of section 3734.121 of the Revised Code at least two hundred seventy days before proposed operation of the facility..."*

- **ORC Section 3734.11(A):** *"No person shall violate any section of this chapter, any rule adopted under it, or any order issued under section 3734.13 of the Revised Code."*

- **OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C):** *"No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping."*

- **OAC Rule 3745-37-01(A):** *"No person shall conduct municipal solid waste landfill...operations without possessing a separate, valid license for each such operation, as required by Chapter 3734. of the Revised Code and the Administrative Code rules adopted thereunder. Each license shall be obtained from...the director..."*

3. **Open Dumping of Scrap Tires:** During the inspection Ohio EPA observed scrap tires open dumped at your property. A semitrailer loaded to capacity with passenger car and truck tires was located on the property (see picture #12). Six

large scrap tire piles were located along the northeast side of the property (see pictures #13-14). In addition, scrap tires were also observed buried along the northeast side of the property (see pictures #15-16).

The owner(s) of the property where the scrap tires are open dumped is in violation because they have either open dumped scrap tires or allowed scrap tires to be open dumped. The open dumping of scrap tires at this location is a violation of the following:

- **ORC Section 3734.03:** *"No person shall dispose of solid wastes by open burning or open dumping, except as authorized by the director of environmental protection..."*

- **OAC Rule 3745-27-05(C):** *"No person shall conduct, permit, or allow open dumping."*

4. **Failure to Control Mosquitoes:** Ohio EPA observed live mosquito larvae in the scrap tires open dumped at your properties (see picture #17).

   A. **OAC Rule 3745-27-60(C):** *"Anyone storing scrap tires shall maintain mosquito control as follows:*

      (1) *One or more of the following shall be done to control mosquitoes:*

         (a) *Remove liquids from scrap tires within twenty-four hours of accepting the scrap tires.*

         (b) *Store scrap tires such that water does not accumulate in scrap tires or containers. Tires shall be kept free of water at all times.*

         (c) *Within twenty-four hours of accepting scrap tires containing liquid, arrange for the application of a pesticide or larvicide, which is registered for use as mosquito control by the Ohio Department of Agriculture.*

      (2) *Maintain mosquito control by keeping all tires dry or by continuing applications of a pesticide or larvicide to all scrap tires stored outdoors at no greater than thirty-day intervals or as recommended by the manufacturer or formulator.*

(3) *Maintain mosquito control records at the premises indicating the name, type, amount used per tire, and EPA registration number of the pesticide or larvicide, the date and time of the application, and the name of the person who applied the pesticide or larvicide. The property owner of the owner or operator of the premises shall make the mosquito control records available for inspection by the director or the health commissioner during normal operating hours. The owner or operator shall retain copies of mosquito control records for a minimum period of three years.*

In accordance with OAC Rule 3745-27-60(D), if upon inspection and written notification, Ohio EPA or the approved health department discovers the existence of either one or both of the following:

1. Mosquitoes at the premises, the owner or operator shall apply within twenty-four hours or the next business day an adulticide which is registered for use for mosquito control by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The application shall be according to the manufacturer's or formulator's recommendations. Records shall be kept at the premises indicating the trade name of the adulticide, the date and time of the application, and the name of the person who applied the adulticide.

2. Mosquito larvae at the premises, the owner or operator shall apply within twenty-four hours or the next business day a larvicide which is registered for use for mosquito control by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The application shall be according to the manufacturer's or formulator's recommendations. Records shall be kept at the premises indicating the trade name of the larvicide, the date and time of the application, and the name of the person who applied the larvicide.

As documented earlier in this letter, mosquito larvae were discovered at your properties during this inspection. The owner(s) of these properties must comply with OAC Rule 3745-27-60(D) in order to control mosquitoes.

In order to return to compliance with all applicable laws and rules, the owner(s) of these properties must immediately remove all scrap tires from these properties and transport them *via a scrap tire transporter which is registered with the State of Ohio, to a scrap tire disposal facility which is authorized by the State of Ohio*.

Please address the above violations as well as OAC 3745-60(D) immediately, and notify me, in writing, within 30 days of receiving this letter. The response should indicate the measures which have been taken to correct these violations.

Nothing in this letter shall be construed to authorize any waiver from the requirements of any applicable state or federal laws or regulations. This letter shall not be interpreted to release the owner or operator, or others, from responsibility under Chapters 3704., 3714., 3734., or 6111. of the Ohio Revised Code or under the Federal Clean Water or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Acts remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants to the environment.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (330) 963-1133 or e-mail me at "jennifer.carlin@epa.state.oh.us."

Sincerely,

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Appendix A: Picture 1

Taken by Jennifer Carlin – August 23, 2012

Area of Burial

Appendix A: Picture 2

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Appendix A: Picture 3

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Concrete Pile

Appendix A: Picture 4

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Dimensional Lumber Pile

Appendix A: Picture 5

Taken by Jennifer Carlin – June 28, 2012

Brick Pile

Appendix A: Picture 6

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Buried Lumber

Appendix A: Picture 7

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Appendix A: Picture 8

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Solid Waste

Appendix A: Picture 9

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Buried Solid Waste

Appendix A: Picture 11

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Appendix A: Picture 12

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Semitrailer of Tires

Appendix A: Picture 13

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Tire Pile

Appendix A: Picture 14

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Tire Pile

Appendix A: Picture 15

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Buried Tire

Appendix A: Picture 16

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Appendix A: Picture 17

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Tires with Water