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October 2, 2012

**MUSKINGUM COUNTY
AK STEEL CORP.
DHWM/SEDO
OHD004281598**

Matt Montag
AK Steel Corporation
1724 Linden Ave
Zanesville, Ohio 43701

Dear Mr. Montag:

On March 16, 2010, Vicky German and I performed a compliance inspection of AK Steel Corporation's Zanesville plant to determine its compliance with Ohio's hazardous waste laws and regulations as found in Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 3745 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

Based on this inspection, a notice of violation (NOV) letter was issued to you on April 23, 2010. The violations cited below were the result of sumps that contained hazardous waste which were not equipped with secondary containment. Since that time AK steel has performed RCRA closure on each of the four sumps as the plant's operational requirements allowed. On September 10, 2012, Ohio EPA received the closure certification for the No. 7 Coating Waste Sump (the last remaining sump). On September 27, 2012, Ohio EPA personnel performed a closure inspection to verify that the closure activities had been performed adequately. This verification was documented in a letter to AK Steel on September 28, 2012

Based on this information and on my observation that the coating equipment has been provided with primary containment in the form of drip collection pans, AK Steel has returned to compliance with the following hazardous waste regulations:

- (i) Containment and detection of releases, OAC rule 3745-66-93(A);
- (ii) Closure and post-closure care, OAC rule 3745-66-97(A).

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AK Steel has now abated all violations cited during the March 16, 2010 inspection. If you have any questions, please call me at (740) 380-5278.

Sincerely,



Richard Stewart
District Representative
Division of Materials and Waste Management

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NOTICE:

Ohio EPA's failure to list specific deficiencies or violations in this letter does not relieve your company from having to comply with all applicable regulations.