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Re: Wood County
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.
Industrial

January 8, 2008

Mr. Bob Miller
Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.
P.O. Box 141
North Baltimore, OH 45872

Dear Mr. Miller:

On November 15, 2007, a compliance inspection was conducted of the Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. facilities in North Baltimore, OH. The inspection was conducted of all areas of the plant including the 001 outfall. At the time of the inspection there was no discharge at the 001 outfall.

Air Products is operating under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit which expired September 30, 2007. This permit is in the process of being renewed and you will receive a draft copy of the permit in the near future. Please carefully review this permit and if you have any comments, please make them during the 30 day comment period. All comments will be addressed before the permit is issued final.

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., North Baltimore Plant, produces cryogenic nitrogen, oxygen and argon industrial gases from the separation of atmospheric air by compressing, liquefying and distilling. Discharges at the 001 outfall consist of cooling tower blowdown, equipment wash water, compressor condensate and equipment pad stormwater runoff. The equipment wash water, condensate and stormwater runoff all flow through oil/water separators before being discharged. The oil/water separators are pumped twice per year by Safety Kleen.

All areas around the facility appeared clean with no staining or indications of spills. A review of submitted monitoring reports shows copper concentration violations in each of the following months: October, 2002, July, 2003 and January, 2004. No other violations are noted for this facility.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (419) 373-3016.

Sincerely,

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