

**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor  
Robert Kelly, Director

October 25, 2011

RE: MANTALINE  
PERMIT NO. 3GN00052\*CG  
PORTAGE COUNTY  
MANTUA

Ms. Diane Kruis  
Operations Manager  
4754 East High Street  
Mantua, Ohio 44255

Dear Ms. Kruis:

On September 20, 2011, an inspection of the above referenced facility was conducted. The facility was represented by Mr. Bill Stewart, Maintenance Supervisor and you. The purpose of the inspection was to verify the facility's use of non-contact cooling water, examine the point of discharge to Waters of the State and evaluate the facility's general compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

During the inspection, the following items were noted/discussed:

- 1) The facility was issued a general NPDES permit for noncontact cooling water on September 1, 2006.
- 2) The facility manufactures rubber extrusions for sealing applications.
- 3) All process wastewater is discharged to the City of Mantua Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- 4) Currently the only discharge is once thru noncontact cooling water. This water is discharged to the Cuyahoga River.
- 5) Temperature, pH, and flow are measured in house.
- 6) The pH meter is calibrated at 4 and 7.
- 7) The effluent sample is collected at the point where the noncontact cooling water leaves the Northeast side of the building (lower extrusion area) prior to being discharged to the Cuyahoga River.
- 8) The discharge point at the receiving stream was observed. No visual impact was noted.
- 9) During the last inspection on January 7, 2010, Ms. Christine Kerrigan, former Operations Manager, indicated the facility was considering installing a chiller unit in late Spring 2010. This chiller unit was never installed.
- 10) The facility's general permit for noncontact cooling water expired on December 31, 2009. However, the renewal general permit for noncontact cooling water was out for public comment and did not become effective until

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January 1, 2011. The facility was required to submit a new Notice of Intent (NOI) within 45 days (or no later than February 14, 2011) of the effective date in order to continue coverage under the permit.

**11)The facility is currently not covered under the new general noncontact cooling water permit.**

**This office is in receipt of your email dated September 22, 2011, which indicates that the facility's NOI application and fee was submitted on May 26, 2011. The facility's general noncontact cooling water permit will be processed in the near future.**

This office has recently reviewed your self-monitoring reports covering the period January 1, 2010, through May 31, 2011, for the referenced facility. Review of the data indicates that all of the parameters are within an acceptable range.

**It should be noted that this office has no record of receiving the April 2011 discharge monitoring report along with all monitoring reports beyond May 31, 2011. These discharge monitoring reports should be submitted immediately.**

Please be advised that such instances of noncompliance may be cause for enforcement actions pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 6111.

Should you have any comments or questions concerning this letter, please feel free to call me at (330)963-1143.

Respectfully,



Michael W. Stevens  
Environmental Engineer  
Division of Surface Water

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