



John R. Kasich, Governor
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December 4, 2012

**RE: ALCOA
GROUND WATER MONITORING
RETRACTION OF NOV**

Ms. Beth Zajkowski
Aluminum Company of America
1600 Harvard Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44041

Dear Ms. Zajkowski

Upon review of our records, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), Division of Materials and Waste Management (DMWM) is retracting the April 4, 2012 notice of violation pertaining to the *Semi-Annual Sampling and Analysis Report, December 2011 Sampling Event and Assessment Monitoring Report* dated January 31, 2012 and received by Ohio EPA on February 16, 2012. The document was submitted in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rules 3745-30-08(C) and (E) of the revised 2003 Residual and Industrial Solid Waste Disposal Regulations.

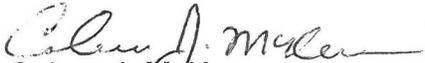
On April 4, 2012, Ohio EPA identified Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) in violation of OAC 3745-30-08(B)(3)(e). However, upon careful consideration, the violation of OAC Rules 3745-30-08(B)(3)(e) has been retracted since piezometers PZ-7 and PZ-11 are not presently part of the ground water monitoring program. It is strongly recommended that these piezometers and any other broken piezometers be abandoned (and abandonment reports submitted) and/or replaced as necessary. Once the piezometers have been abandoned, Tables 1 and 3 need to be changed accordingly.

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 Entity 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 for remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants to the environment.

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If you have any technical questions regarding this review, please contact Kathryn Epp at (330) 963-1233. Please submit all correspondence to Colum McKenna, Division of Materials and Waste Management, Northeast District Office, Ohio EPA, 2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087.

Sincerely,



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