



Environmental
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor
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Re: Hoover Wells
Complaint #3055
Lucas County
OHD063699177
Hazardous Waste
Notice of Violation/Partial Return to Compliance

March 31, 2011

Mr. James McCollum, VP
Hoover Wells
2011 Seaman Street
Toledo, Ohio 43605

Dear Mr. McCollum:

On March 22, 2011, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) conducted a complaint investigation and compliance evaluation inspection of Hoover Wells located at 2011 Seaman Street in Toledo, Ohio. The Ohio EPA received a complaint that you were dumping epoxy waste between your two buildings and burning hardened sand from your process.

Wendy Miller and I inspected Hoover Wells to determine its compliance with Ohio's hazardous waste laws as found in Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Chapter 3745 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). This letter will explain the validity of the complaint, the violations we found as a result of our inspection/complaint investigation, and what you need to do to correct these violations.

During our visit, we spoke with you and Steve Higgins and inspected your facility operations. Hoover Wells is an epoxy floor contractor. Hoover Wells manufactures and blends custom epoxy coatings for specific customers, such as schools and the automotive industry. Hoover Wells employees apply the epoxy to the floors at the various customer locations. Any leftover epoxy components are brought back to the shop and used on future jobs. Clean-up solvent used during application can be put back into the epoxy manufacturing process. Hoover Wells has a hot room where drums of epoxy are placed if they start to crystallize in order to keep it a usable product.

Used oil is generated as a result of maintenance work done on small equipment, such as generators, and is stored in 55-gallon drums. Used oil is picked up for recycling by DISC Environmental. The used oil is burned for energy recovery. The used oil filters are hot-drained and managed as solid waste. Hoover Wells may want to consider recycling the used oil filters as scrap metal.

Hoover Wells does touch-up painting of equipment on-site and generates approximately five gallons of waste paint solvent (D001, F003) per month. Hoover Wells cleans the small paint sprayer by soaking it in a five gallon bucket and then adding the spent solvent to the used oil.

Hoover Wells recycles batteries at Battery Wholesale and Bohl services the forklifts. Fleet vehicles are serviced off-site at Penske Automotive. Sand is used at the individual job sites and not brought back to the shop. Sand from broken bags at the facility would be managed as solid waste. Shop vacuums are used to sweep up the concrete dust prior to applying the new epoxy floor. The dust generated by the shop vacuum is stored in a lined roll-off and is picked up once a month and managed as solid waste by Stevens Disposal. Hoover Wells also generates spent fluorescent bulbs that are managed as solid waste. At the time of our inspection, Hoover Wells was operating as a conditionally exempt small quantity generator (CESQG) of hazardous waste.

We found the following violations of Ohio's hazardous waste and used oil laws. In order to correct these violations you must do the following and send me the required information within 30 days of your receipt of this letter:

1. OAC Rule 3745-52-11: Waste Evaluation:

Any person who generates a waste must determine if that waste is a hazardous waste by using generator knowledge or by testing the waste.

Hoover Wells failed to have waste evaluation documentation or an established recycling plan in place for the fluorescent bulbs generated at the facility.

Hoover Wells must immediately cease disposing of the fluorescent lamps as non-hazardous waste until a proper waste evaluation has been completed. Incandescent, fluorescent, metal halide, neon, high-intensity discharge, high-pressure sodium and mercury-vapor lamps could be hazardous waste when discarded. Fluorescent lamps may contain up to 40 milligrams (mg) of mercury, depending on the brand and manufacturer. Lamps may also contain lead and cadmium. Many lamps exhibit a characteristic of toxicity for heavy metals when disposed.

A copy of Fluorescent Lamps: What You Should Know, was given to you at the time of our inspection. I recommend that you review this document and contact me if you have any questions.

Hazardous bulbs are considered "spent materials" and remain hazardous waste even when recycled. Hazardous waste lamp generators have the option of handling their lamps as hazardous waste or as universal waste. Managing hazardous waste lamps under the universal waste rules eases certain regulations imposed on generators of spent lamps.

Basically, you can run analytical to determine if the spent bulbs contain mercury, lead, or cadmium (if you would like to continue to dispose of them) OR you can choose to manage them through the universal waste rules by recycling. When the bulbs are recycled as a universal waste, they are not considered a hazardous waste. You must ensure that the spent bulbs are recycled within one year of being generated and that you keep documentation showing the bulbs were recycled.

In addition, you must label the box containing the burned out bulbs (prior to recycling) with the words "universal waste lamps".

To abate this violation, Hoover Wells must confirm how you plan to manage the spent bulbs in the future and where they will be recycled if you choose to handle them as universal waste.

2. OAC Rule 3745-279-22(C)(1): Labeling:

Containers, aboveground tanks, and fill pipes used for underground storage tanks shall be labeled or marked clearly with the words "used oil."

Hoover Wells had one 55-gallon drum of used oil inside the shop building and one 55-gallon drum of used oil outside the shop building that were not properly labeled.

At the time of our inspection, Hoover Wells properly labeled the two 55-gallon drums with the words "used oil". A copy of the fact sheet, The Regulation of Used Oil: An Overview for Ohio Businesses Who Generate Used Oil, was given to you at the time of our inspection. Please review this information and contact me if you have any questions.

Therefore, this violation is considered abated.

Ohio EPA has helpful information about compliance assistance and pollution prevention at the following web address: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ocapp>. In addition, you can find copies of the rules and other information on the division's web page at: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dhwm/>.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the checklists that were completed during the inspection.

In regards to the complaint investigation, the Ohio EPA did not find evidence to support the complainant's allegations; therefore, the Ohio EPA considers the complaint investigation closed.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of assistance, please contact me at (419) 373-3066.

Sincerely,



Melissa L. Boyers
Division of Hazardous Waste Management

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Enclosures

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Notice:

Ohio's 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.

Send to Central Office <input type="checkbox"/>	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency RCRA SUBTITLE C SITE IDENTIFICATION/VERIFICATION FORM	For Ohio EPA use only
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Completed verification forms required to be submitted to CO should be e-mailed to brad.hauser@epa.state.oh.us.

Site EPA ID No. Site Name	EPA ID Number: OHD063699177		Website: (Optional)
Site Location Information	Name: Hoover Wells		
Site Land Type (check only one)	Street Address: 2011 Seaman Street		
NAICS code(s) www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html	City, Town, or Village: Toledo		State: OH
	County Name: Lucas		Zip Code: 43605
	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	District <input type="checkbox"/>
	Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal <input type="checkbox"/>
	State <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	

Facility Representative Additional names can be recorded in number 12 Only provide address information if it is different than the site address	First Name: James		MI: D	Last Name: McCollum	
	Title: VP				
	Phone Number: 419-691-9220			Phone Number Extension: 217	
	E-Mail Address:				
	Fax Number:			Fax Number Extension:	
	Street or P.O. Box:				
	City, Town or Village:				
	State:			Zip Code:	

Legal Owner And Operator of the Site. List Additional Owners and/or Operators in the Comment Section or on another copy of this form page	Name of Site's Legal Owner:		Date Became Owner (mm/dd/yyyy):		
	Owner Type:	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	District <input type="checkbox"/>	Federal <input type="checkbox"/>
	Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal <input type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Street or P.O. Box:				
	City, Town or Village:				
	State:			Country:	
	Name of Site's Operator:			Date Became Operator (mm/dd/yyyy):	
	Operator Type:	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	District <input type="checkbox"/>	Federal <input type="checkbox"/>
	Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Municipal <input type="checkbox"/>	State <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Street or P.O. Box:				
	City, Town or Village:				
	State:			Country:	
	Operator Phone #:			Zip Code:	

VIOLATIONS CITED?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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TYPE OF HANDLER - MARK "X" AS APPROPRIATE		
<input type="checkbox"/> Not a HW Generator	<input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN: Cited for violation of 3745-52-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Large Quantity Generator (LQG)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Short-Term/Temporary Generator (generates from a short-term or one-time event and not from on-going processes). Check the box for the applicable generator status and provide a comment.	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Quantity Generator (SQG)
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator
		<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Importer of Hazardous Waste
		<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Waste (Hazardous and Radioactive) Generator

TYPE OF REGULATED WASTE ACTIVITY (MARK "X" IN ALL OF THE APPROPRIATE BOXES)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste Transporter | <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Boiler and/or Industrial Furnace |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Quantity On-Site Burner Exemption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treater, Storer or Disposer of Hazardous Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Smelting, Melting, Refining Furnace Exemption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycler of Hazardous Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Underground Injection Control Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 72-Hour Recycler | <input type="checkbox"/> Receives Hazardous Waste from Off-site |

UNIVERSAL WASTE ACTIVITIES (INDICATE TYPES OF UNIVERSAL WASTE MANAGED)

(CHECK ALL BOXES THAT APPLY)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Quantity Handler of Universal Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Destination Facility for Universal Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Quantity Handler of Universal Waste
(accumulates 5,000 kg. or more) | |

CHECK ALL BOXES BELOW THAT APPLY FOR THE TYPES OF UNIVERSAL WASTE THE FACILITY MANAGES

- Batteries
 Pesticides
 Mercury containing equipment
 Lamps

USED OIL ACTIVITIES (INDICATE TYPE(S) OF ACTIVITY(S))

- Used Oil Generator
 Used Oil Transporter
 Used Oil Transfer Facility
 Used Oil Processor
 Used Oil Re-refiner
 Off-Specification Used Oil Burner
 Used Oil Fuel Marketer who directs shipment of Off-Spec Used Oil
 Used Oil Fuel Marketer who first claims the Used Oil meets the specifications

Eligible Academic Entities with Laboratories: Facility has previously notified that they are opting into managing laboratory hazardous waste pursuant to OAC rules 3745-52-200 through 3745-52-216. Check the box(es) below to indicate the laboratory type.

- College or University
 Teaching hospital that is owned by or has a formal written affiliation agreement with a college or university
 Non-profit Institute that is owned by or has a formal written affiliation agreement with a college or university

Waste Codes for Federally Regulated Hazardous Wastes. Please list the codes for the federally regulated hazardous waste handled at the site. List them in the order they are presented in the regulations (e.g., D001, D003, F007, U112). Use an additional page or list them in the comments if more space is needed. If the waste codes are the same as listed in the most recent RCRAInfo source record, you do not need to list them. Instead just indicate the date of the most recent source record.

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COMMENTS: USE THIS AREA TO DESCRIBE WHETHER THE INSPECTION WAS ANNOUNCED, WHETHER THE WASTE IS STORED IN TANKS OR CONTAINERS, ETC.

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| Announced | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Additional Facility Representatives: |
| Tanks | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Containers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |

Name of Inspector(s)
Melissa Boyers

Name of Inspector(s)
Wendy Miller

Date of Inspection/Time
 (mm/dd/yyyy) (hh:mm)
03/22/2011 10:20

Comments:

Plan to manage spent fluorescent bulbs as universal waste when generated.

PROCESS DESCRIPTION/WASTE ACTIVITIES SUMMARY

Facility Name: Hoover Wells

Facility Type: LQG/SQG/CESQG/TSD

EPA ID#: OHD063699177

Description of Waste

On-Site Management

Off-Site Management

Process/Activity Generating Waste <small>(e.g. plating bath, machining, baghouse, painting, etc)</small>		Waste Generated <small>(e.g. sludge, spent solvent, ash, etc)</small>	EPA Waste Code	QTY Generated per Month	Type of Accumulation / Storage <small>(e.g. container, tank, etc)</small>	Type of On-Site Treatment <small>(recycle, wwt, etc)</small>	Waste Location <small>(Include map if possible)</small>	Name, state, and type of activity occurring at the facility.
1	Lighting	Spent Fluorescent Bulbs						Managing as solid waste. Universal Waste Fact Sheets given to the Facility.
2	Painting Touch-ups of equipment	Spent Solvent from cleaning HPLV paint sprayer	D001, F003	5 gallons	5-gallon bucket		Located inside the shop building.	Added to Used Oil
	Small Equipment Maintenance	Used Oil			55-gallon drums			DISC Environmental The used oil is burned for energy recovery
4	Small Equipment Maintenance	Used Oil Filters						Currently managed as solid waste.

5	Shop Vacuums	Sweeping concrete floors prior to epoxy application.		5-8 cubic yards	Lined roll-off		Outside Shop Building	Picked up by Stevens Disposal as solid waste.
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**CONDITIONALLY EXEMPT SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR REQUIREMENTS
COMPLETE AND ATTACH A PROCESS, WASTE, P2 SUMMARY SHEET**

CESQG: <100Kg. (Approximately 25-30 gallons) of waste in a calendar month or < 1 Kg. of acutely hazardous waste.
SQG: Between 100 and 1,000 Kg. (About 25 to under 300 gallons) of waste in a calendar month.
LQG: >1,000 Kg. (~300 gallons) of waste in a calendar month or 1 Kg. of acutely hazardous waste in a calendar month.
NOTE: To convert from gallons to pounds: Amount in gallons x Specific Gravity x 8.345 = Amounts in pounds.

Safety Equipment Used:

WASTE EVALUATION

1. Have all wastes generated at the facility been adequately evaluated? [3745-52-11] Yes No N/A

GENERATOR CLASSIFICATION

2. Does the generator produce <100 kg. of hazardous waste per month? [conditionally exempt small quantity generator ("CESQG")] Yes No N/A

NOTE: If quantities of hazardous waste accumulated on-site at any one time exceed 1,000 Kg. - or the generator produces between 100 and 1,000 Kg. of hazardous waste per month, it is operating as a Small Quantity Generator ("SQG"). If so, complete the Small Quantity Generator Requirements checklist.

OFF-SITE SHIPMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

3. Does the CESQG ensure delivery of hazardous waste(s) to an off-site permitted TSD? [3734.02(F)] Added to used oil that is picked up by DISC & burned for energy recovery. Yes No N/A

TREATMENT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

4. Does the generator treat hazardous waste in a:

- a. Container that meets 3745-66-70 to 3745-66-77? Yes No N/A
- b. Tank that meets 3745-66-90 to 3745-66-101 except 3745-66-97(C)? Yes No N/A
- c. Drip pads that meet 3745-69-40 to 3745-69-45? Yes No N/A
- d. Containment building that meets 3745-256-100 to 3745-256-102? Yes No N/A

NOTE: Complete appropriate checklist for each unit.
NOTE: If the CESQG conducts treatment they are subject to the LQG requirements.
NOTE: If waste is treated to meet LDRs, use LDR checklist.

REMARKS

#1 - Fluorescent Bulbs

**USED OIL INSPECTION CHECKLIST
GENERATORS, COLLECTION CENTERS AND AGGREGATION POINTS**

NOTE: A facility is subject to the federal SPCC regulations (40 CFR 112) if it is non-transportation related (e.g., fixed) and has an aggregate above ground storage capacity greater than 1,320 gallons or a total underground storage capacity greater than 42,000 gallons of oil (including used oil), and there is reasonable expectation of a discharge to navigable waters.

PROHIBITIONS

1.	Does the generator manage used oil in a surface impoundment or waste pile? If yes:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
a.	Is the surface impoundment or waste pile regulated as a hazardous waste management unit? [3745-279-12(A)]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: For example, used oil contaminated scrap metal stored in a pile.

2.	Is used oil used as a dust suppressant? [3745-279-12(B)]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Is off-specification used oil fuel burned for energy recovery in devices specified in 3745-279-12(C)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: Multiple used oil checklists may be applicable if used oil handler is performing multiple tasks (e.g., if generating used oil and shipping directly to a burner, complete generator and marketer checklists at a minimum).

GENERATOR STANDARDS

4.	Does the generator mix hazardous waste with used oil? If so,	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
a.	Is the mixture managed as specified in 3745-279-10(B)? [3745-279-21(A)]	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

*NOTE: Used Oil mixed with listed (3745-51-30 to 3745-51-35) or characteristic (3745-51-20 to 3745-51-24) hazardous waste are subject to regulation as a hazardous waste, unless the listed hazardous waste is listed solely because it exhibits a hazardous characteristic, and the resultant mixtures do not exhibit a characteristic. **Mixtures of used oil and CESQG hazardous waste are subject to OAC Chapter 3745-279.***

5.	Does the generator of a used oil containing greater than 1,000 ppm total halogens manage the used oil as a hazardous waste unless the presumption is rebutted successfully? [3745-279-21(B)]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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NOTE: If used oil contains greater than 1000 ppm total halogens, it is presumed to be listed hazardous waste until the presumption is successfully rebutted.

6.	Does the generator store used oil in tanks, or containers, or a unit(s) subject to regulation as a hazardous waste management unit? [3745-279-22(A)]	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Are containers and aboveground tanks used to store used oil in good condition with no visible leaks? [3745-279-22(B)]	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
8.	Are containers, above ground tanks, and fill pipes used for underground tanks clearly labeled or marked "Used Oil?" [3745-279-22(C)]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
9.	Has the generator, upon detection of a release of used oil, done the following: [3745-279-22(D)]	
a.	Stopped the release?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
b.	Contained the release?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
c.	Cleaned up and properly managed the used oil and other materials?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
d.	Repaired or replaced the containers or tanks prior to returning them to service, if necessary?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>

ON-SITE BURNING IN SPACE HEATER

10.	Does the generator burn used oil in used-oil fired space heaters? [3745-279-23] If so:	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
a.	Does the heater burn only used oil that owner/operator generates or used oil received from household do-it-yourself (DIY) used oil generators?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

b.	Is the heater designed to have a maximum capacity of not more than 0.5 million BTU per hour?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c.	Are the combustion gases from heater vented to the ambient air?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: Ash accumulated in a space heater must be managed in accordance with 3745-279-10(E).

GENERATOR TRANSPORTATION

11.	Does the generator have the used oil hauled only by transporters that have obtained a U.S. EPA ID#? DISC	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
12.	If the generator self-transport used oil to an approved collection site or to an aggregation point owned by the generator: [3745-279-24]	
a.	Does the generator transport used oil in a vehicle owned by the generator or an employee of the generator?[3745-279-24]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b.	Does the generator transport more than 55 gallons of used oil at any time?[3745-279-24]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: Used oil generators may arrange for used oil to be transported by a transporter without a U.S. EPA ID # if the used oil is reclaimed under a contractual agreement (i.e., tolling arrangement).

COLLECTION CENTERS AND AGGREGATION POINTS

13.	Is the DIY used oil collection center in compliance with the generator standards in 3745-279-20 to 3745-279-24? [3745-279-30]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.	Is the non-DIY used oil collection center registered with Ohio EPA? [3745-279-31]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15.	Is the used oil aggregation point in compliance with the generator standards in 3745-279-20 to 3745-279-24? [3745-279-32]	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

NOTE: Complete Used Oil Generator and any other applicable used oil handler checklist (e.g., marketer, burner, etc.) for used oil collection centers and aggregation points.