



**Environmental
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Re: Sign Me Up! Sign Builders
Wood County
OHR000159236
Hazardous Waste
Return to Compliance

August 18, 2010

Mr. Mike Nole
Sign Me Up! Sign Builders
17708 North Dixie Highway
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Dear Mr. Nole:

Thank you for your August 6, 2010, response to Ohio EPA's May 25, 2010, Notice of Violation (NOV) letter. The information you submitted included invoices for the recycling of your universal waste lamps. My review of the documentation submitted reveals that Sign Me Up! Sign Builders (SMUSB) has adequately demonstrated abatement of the violation cited in the May 25, 2010, NOV.

The following is a summary of the violation cited in the May 25, 2010, NOV as a result of my May 17, 2010, inspection and your compliance with respect to it:

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.

SMUSB failed to have waste evaluation documentation or an established recycling plan in place for the fluorescent bulbs generated at the facility. SMUSB was managing the spent fluorescent bulbs as a solid waste.

SMUSB must immediately remove the spent fluorescent bulbs from the solid waste dumpster. SMUSB must submit to Ohio EPA documentation to demonstrate how you plan to properly manage your fluorescent bulbs. If SMUSB plans to manage the spent fluorescent bulbs as universal waste, please submit photographic documentation showing the storage containers properly closed, labeled, and dated. SMUSB must also properly train employees, who handle or have responsibility for managing universal waste, on waste handling and emergency procedures relative to their responsibilities. Please review the universal waste requirements with the appropriate employees and send me documentation that this has been completed. In addition, SMUSB must submit the name of the facility where you plan to recycle the bulbs.

On August 6, 2010, SMUSB submitted, via electronic mail, a copy of the invoice for the spent fluorescent bulbs that were taken out of the dumpster and sent to Environmental Recycling (ER) in Bowling Green, Ohio.

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In addition, SMUSB included a copy of the invoice for an additional shipment of neon lights that were also sent to ER for recycling. I spoke with you on August 6, 2010, and you indicated that you plan to manage all spent lamps from your facility as universal waste. You indicated that no spent bulbs are currently in storage and that you have reviewed the fact sheets regarding the proper management of universal waste.

With this information, this violation has been 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/>.

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

Sincerely,



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