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**Re: Tuscarawas County
Penn-Ohio Coal Co. - Central Fuel Co.
Facility ID #0679020004
Complaint Investigation & Warning Letter**

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Mr. Keith Kimble
Central Fuel Company
P.O. Box 165
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Dear Mr. Kimble:

On October 13, 2010, Ohio EPA, Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC), Southeast District Office (SEDO), investigated a complaint, received on October 12, 2010, about the Central Fuel Co. coal preparation facility located at 2458 Shadyview Road in New Philadelphia, Ohio. The complainant reported strong hydrogen sulfide and tar odors filling the valley that were believed to be coming from the coal preparation facility. In addition to investigating this complaint, Ohio EPA performed a compliance evaluation inspection to determine the company's status of compliance with State and federal air pollution regulations and the air permits issued for this facility. Andy Gano and Mark Tondra represented the Central Fuel Co. during the inspection.

The coal preparation plant and dryer, identified in Ohio EPA's records as emissions unit (EU) P001, was installed prior to 1960. As a result, no installation permit was required for this equipment, but the company was required to apply for and obtain a State operating permit. In September of 1996, the Central Fuel Co. requested a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) for this facility to avoid being subject to the Title V operating permit requirements in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-77. On January 7, 2005, the first FESOP was issued, and a modified FESOP was issued final on February 2, 2006. The effective FESOP will expire on February 2, 2011.

Based on the facility tour, file review, and a review of reports submitted by the Central Fuel Co., it appears that the facility is in compliance with the conditions of the effective air permits for this facility. Copies of the checklists completed as part of the inspection are enclosed. However, Ohio EPA did observe areas in the raw coal piles that were burning, which appears to be the source of the hydrogen sulfide and tar odors reported by the complainant. Smoke from these fires was apparent upon my arrival at the facility

at approximately 1:20 p.m. and was still visible when I left the facility at approximately 2:45 p.m. Please be advised that failure to promptly extinguish the coal pile fires constitutes a violation of Ohio's open burning regulations in OAC rule 3745-19-04, which state:

"No person or property owner shall cause or allow open burning in an unrestricted area except as provided in paragraphs (B) to (C) of this rule or in section 3704.11 of the Revised Code."

To address this problem, the Central Fuel Co. must, within 30 days of your receipt of this letter, provide Ohio EPA with a plan for preventing and controlling fires in the coal storage piles at this facility. This compliance plan and schedule must be sufficient to demonstrate that the Central Fuel Co. has or will take actions to resolve violations of Ohio's open burning regulations.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (740) 380-5245 or via email at kim.reinbold@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



Kimbra L. Reinbold
Division of Air Pollution Control

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Enclosures

cc: Andy Gano, Central Fuel Co.