

**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

September 14, 2011

Re: Muskingum County
SRS Services
Facility ID # 0660000251
Non HPV Warning Letter

William Kelso
SRS Services
8376 West Pike
Hopewell, OH 43746

Dear Mr. Kelso:

On August 24, 2011, I performed a facility inspection of the SRS Services in Hopewell, Ohio (Muskingum County). The required inspection was conducted to determine the facility's compliance with State and federal air pollution rules and regulations prior to issuing the pending permit to install and operate (PTIO).

SRS Services applied for and received a permit-to-install (PTI) – PTI No. 06-07592, issued on 09/21/2004, for emissions unit N001 and emissions unit N002. Currently, SRS Services is operating N001 as a human crematory and N002 as an animal crematory.

The following violations were observed during the inspection:

During the inspection, you indicated that there was a fire in the building housing N001, approximately eight months ago, and all records were lost during this time. In addition, the continuous temperature monitor on N001 was not functioning due to this fire. Also, the continuous temperature monitor on N002 was non-functional and you were unable to provide any records for this unit. According to PTI No. 06-07592:

“Each record of any monitoring data, testing data, and support information required pursuant to this permit shall be retained for a period of five years from the date the record was created. Support information shall include, but not be limited to, all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip-chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, and copies of all reports required by this permit. Such records may be maintained in computerized form.”

The following requirements are also included in this permit's recordkeeping section:

1. “The permittee shall operate and maintain a continuous temperature monitor and recorder for the secondary combustion chamber operating temperatures. The temperature monitor and recorder shall be installed, calibrated, operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, instructions, and applicable operating manual(s).”

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"The permittee shall maintain copies of the records of the secondary combustion chamber temperature at the facility. Those records shall be made available for Ohio EPA or their representatives to review during normal working hours."

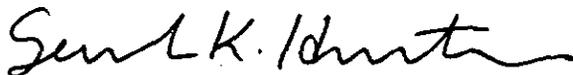
Failure to operate continuous temperature monitors and recorders, and maintain records of the secondary combustion chamber temperatures are violations of PTI-06-07592.

Within 30 days of receipt of this letter, SRS Services shall submit a compliance plan and schedule to return the facility to compliance. The plan should include a time line for completing corrective actions and specify the corrective actions taken.

Acceptance by Ohio EPA of a schedule for compliance does not constitute a waiver of Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties as provided in section 3704.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. The determination to pursue or decline to pursue such penalties in this case will be made by Ohio EPA at a later date.

If you are unable to respond to any part of this request within the time frame discussed above, please inform us and explain so that we may be of assistance. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (740) 380-5249 or email sarah.harter@epa.state.oh.us

Sincerely,



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Division of Air Pollution Control
Southeast District Office

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cc: Bruce Weinberg, DAPC-SEDO