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BELMONT COUNTY
COMP – RIVER VALLEY COMPOST
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Mr. Stanley Kaldor
61280 Ray Ramsey Road
Jacobsburg, Ohio 43933

RE: Notice of Violation

Dear Mr. Kaldor:

On June 11, 2013, I conducted an inspection of River Valley Compost ("the Facility"). No one from the Facility was represented during our inspection.

During the inspection I reviewed daily logs, inspected the receiving area, windrows, the distribution area, and the barn used to house compost awaiting sampling. The operator has posted two large signs at the Facility. The signs are located at the receiving distribution areas of the Facility.

Over the last year the Facility boundary has changed since the Facility was first established. The operator submitted a plan view drawing in September 2012 indicating these changes. In a letter dated December 6, 2012, Ohio EPA cited deficiencies in the updated plan view drawing.

During the course of my inspection, the following violation was observed:

OAC Rule	Violation
3745-560-200 (C)(2) operator has not addressed deficiencies found in current plan view drawing.	Plan view drawing. Using a scale of one inch equals no greater than one hundred feet, showing information found inside the facility boundaries and within five hundred feet beyond the facility boundaries. (See December 6, 2012 letter from Barry Chapman).
3745-560-210 (H)(4) Plastic bags and other contaminants were found throughout the windrows and some bags along the hillside. The owner stated that he leaves them in the windrows and the screener removes them before the product is sold.	Operational control. The owner or operator shall operate the composting facility in such a manner that employs reasonable measures to collect, properly contain, and dispose of scattered litter.

Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this letter, River Valley Compost is requested to provide documentation to this office verifying abatement of the aforementioned violations. Failure to redress listed violations and respond within this timeframe may result in escalated enforcement against River Valley Compost for violation of Chapter 3734 (or 3714) of the Ohio Revised Code, which carries a civil penalty of up to $10,000 per day for each violation. Documentation of steps taken to return to compliance includes written correspondence, updated policies, and photographs, as appropriate, and may be submitted electronically to erika.jackson@epa.ohio.gov. If River Valley Compost is unable to return to compliance within the fourteen (14) day timeframe, please contact Erika Jackson with Ohio EPA Southeast District Office.

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 owner or operator, or others, from responsibility under Chapters 3704, 3714, 3734, or 6111 of the Ohio Revised Code or under the Federal Clean Water Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, or Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act for remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants to the environment.

If you have questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5228.

Sincerely,

Erika Jackson

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