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November 13, 2008

**Re: Washington County  
Complaint 30000610  
Certified: 70063450000190562475**

Mr. Richard Kapple  
Kapple Automotive  
905 Washington Blvd.  
Belpre, Ohio 45714-2361

Dear Mr. Kapple:

I am writing this letter in response to a complaint received by this office on October 14, 2008. The complaint alleges that paint fumes are being emitted from your facility on Washington Blvd., Belpre.

On October 29, 2008, I investigated this complaint and spoke to you. You paint inside a paint booth at your facility. Filters are used when you are painting and the stack from the paint booth and general work area both vent above the roof level.

Painting operations are considered air contaminant sources, as defined in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-31-01(D). The installation of an air contaminant source without obtaining a permit-to-install is a violation of OAC rule 3745-31-02(A), unless the source is exempted pursuant to OAC rule 3745-31-03. The exemption that may apply to your painting and sandblasting operations is stated below:

- (kk) Coating applicators with properly designed and operated particulate control devices and venting systems that employ less than five gallons of only air-dried coating material in any one day provided that the applicators are:
  - (i) Not located in a nonattainment area for ozone;
  - (ii) Not subject to limits specified in or specifically exempted from rule 3745-21-09 of the Administrative Code;
  - (iii) Not subject to federal standards of performance for new stationary sources; and
  - (iv) Not located at a facility with actual emissions of twenty-five or more tons of volatile organic materials per year and are not subject to a standard under section 112 of the Clean Air Act.

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If you wish to demonstrate that you meet the exemption in OAC rule 3745-31-03(kk) and avoid the requirement to obtain a permit-to-install, you must submit documentation of past coating usage which shows that the operation never used more than five gallons of air-dried coatings per day.

Please submit the coating records within thirty days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 740-380-5217.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Duvall".

Lisa Duvall  
Environmental Specialist  
Division of Air Pollution Control

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