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Aaron Shank
Ace Iron & Metal Inc.
2515 Groveport Road
Columbus, OH 43207

Re: **Ace Iron & Metal, Inc., Franklin County
Industrial Storm Water Permit 4GR00369*DG**

Dear Mr. Shank:

This letter is written in regard to an industrial storm water inspection that I conducted on February 27, 2012, at Ace Iron & Metal, Inc., located at 2515 Groveport Road, in Columbus, Ohio. The inspection was conducted in order to determine compliance with your industrial storm water general permit. During the inspection I was escorted by Ms. Vicky Henry. Your facility recycles scrap metal. The following items were noted during the inspection, also please see attached pictures:

It was noted that mud and sediment was being tracked on to Groveport Road from your facility. Please install controls and best management practices to prevent mud and sediment from being tracked off-site.

It was noted that contaminated storm water was discharging off-site in the southeast corner of the site and had the potential to discharge from the west corner of the site. It is recommended that a berm be constructed along the perimeter of your property to direct storm water to a containment area(s). The storm water should be analyzed for pollutants prior to discharge. A record of the sampling and discharge dates and times should be noted in a log book.

Ms. Henry has sent me an electronic copy of your storm water pollution prevention plan (SWP3). After a brief review of your SWP3, it does not appear that you are fully compliant with this plan. Please follow your SWP3 plan. Please be aware that the SWP3 should be reviewed to include the changes requested in this inspection report and thereafter, annually or after a change in management.

Your SWP3 plans states "if these measures do not produce an acceptable level of storm water protection, then the facility will consider creating a covered paved area for conducting these operations." Your facility is not producing an acceptable level of storm water protection. A covered, paved area(s) with containment for fluid draining, vehicle dismantling and crushing activities must be constructed.

A significant amount of automotive fluids was noted on the ground and in ponding storm water throughout the site and especially near the crushing machine. Better housekeeping measures are needed. Contaminated soils and storm water must be properly removed from the site. As stated above, a covered, paved area with containment must be constructed for the crushing machine area.

The break-down area was conducted on bare soil which was significantly stained with automotive fluids. There were numerous open containers which contained automotive fluids. The containers were not labeled nor in secondary containment. As stated above, a covered, paved area with containment must be constructed for the break-down area.

Empty drums stored on-site should be stored upright with an enclosed lid. Full or partially full drums and/or containers should be stored in secondary containment under roof.

There was a loading ramp located near the storage build and the appliance drop-off area which contained contaminated storm water. This contaminated storm water should be properly disposed off-site by an approved hauler.

There was a significant amount of automotive fluids on the pavement near the storage building where small appliances and metal cans were dropped off. Better housekeeping is needed in this area. The oily parts should be stored in structurally sound containers under roof in a contained area.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or my inspection, please do not hesitate to contact me at our Central District Office at 614-728-3851.

Sincerely,



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