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September 4, 2012

Mr. Matthew Timmer
Production Manager
Tip Top Canning Company
505 South Second Street
Tipp City, OH 45371

RE: Site Inspections, NPDES permit # 1GR01003*EG

Dear Mr. Timmer:

On Friday, August 10, 2012, I inspected the Tip Top Canning Company's facility in Tipp City, Ohio, to determine compliance with industrial storm water permitting requirements. You represented the facility during this inspection.

Based on my observations, it appears the company is in compliance with the terms of its general industrial storm water discharge permit.

There were no "significant materials" observed in outdoor areas adjacent to the facility, though one 30 cubic yard roll off box is typically kept near the south end of the site for managing cardboard and other solid waste prior to shipment for disposal. Past efforts to cover this container with a tarp to keep rainwater out have not been successful. It's not clear to me if this roll off box, on its own, is enough to make the site eligible for ongoing industrial permit coverage, given the kinds of waste it typically holds. But keeping the container covered at all times (except when waste is being added or removed) would allow the facility to qualify for the no exposure certification option.

If Tip Top Canning decides to pursue the no exposure option for its facility, it can self-certify by answering "no" to each of the 11 questions in the "exposure checklist" at the top of page 2 of the no exposure certification form, which is available at the following web link:

http://www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/35/storm/no_exposure_certification_fis.pdf

The completed checklist is to be signed and sent in to Ohio EPA's Central Office in Columbus. This certification must be renewed every 5 years, assuming the company's activities have not changed such that "significant" materials are managed outdoors and exposed to rainstorms.

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If you have any questions related to this inspection, I can be contacted at 937.285.6442, or via email at chris.cotton@epa.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Cotton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" being more prominent and the last name "Cotton" following in a similar style.

Chris Cotton
Environmental Specialist II
Ohio EPA – Division of Surface Water

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