



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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

September 6, 2012

RE: MEDINA COUNTY  
REPUBLIC POWDERED METALS, INC.  
NPDES PERMIT NO. OHR000005  
OHIO EPA PERMIT NO. 3GR01625\*DG  
INDUSTRIAL STORM WATER INSPECTION

Dan Nayder  
Republic Powdered Metals, Inc.  
2628 Pearl Road  
Medina, OH 44258

Dear Mr. Hoblos:

On August 27, 2012, Ohio EPA conducted an inspection at Soprema USA, Inc., located at 2628 Pearl Road, Brunswick Hills Township, Medina County (site). The facility was represented by you, Bob Sweeney, Maintenance Manager, and Glenn Strasshofer (via conference call), Manager of Health, Safety, and Environment, during the inspection.

The facility's industrial activities are categorized by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 2952: Asphalt Felts and Coatings and are authorized by General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity (Multi-Sector General Permit), permit No. 3GR01625\*DG.

**Site Inspection**

The inspection documented that the current best management practices being implemented at the facility appear to be acceptable.

During the inspection, Mr. Sweeney explained that pH monitoring of storm water outfalls is occurring. Please be aware that the pH monitoring results can be compared to Ohio's water quality standard for pH, which establishes a range 6.5. to 9.0 S.U. for acceptable discharges.

**Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan**

The storm water pollution prevention plan (SWP3) maintained at the facility is not reflective of the current operations. It was explained that the SWP3 is currently in the process of being updated. The revised SWP3 must satisfy the requirements established within the Multi-Sector General Permit.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience at (330) 963-1118 or via e-mail [chris.moody@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:chris.moody@epa.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,

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