



**Environmental
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September 27, 2012

Tom Bolon
Novotec Recycling
3960 Groves Road
Columbus, OH 43232

**Re: Novotec Recycling / Franklin County
No-Exposure Certification #4GRN00538*DG**

Dear Mr. Bolon:

This letter is written regarding storm water inspections I conducted on September 11 and September 21, 2012, at Novotec Recycling, located at 3960 Groves Road, in Columbus, Ohio. The reason of the inspection was due to a complaint of industrial waste clogging storm water drains. During the inspection, I noted industrial waste clogging a storm water drain.

Your facility is required to seek storm water permit coverage, from Ohio EPA in accordance with 40 CFR 122.26, authorizing storm water discharges or obtain a No-Exposure Certification (NOE). It is my understanding, that you have submitted and obtained a No-Exposure Exemption for this facility as you claim there are no activities or exposed materials, which pose a threat to storm water. The inspections were conducted to ensure your NOE is valid. During these inspections, I noted the following at your facility (also please see attached pictures):

- Industrial waste from your facility was collecting in the storm water drains located off-site from your facility.
- There were power-washing activities being conducted in the parking lot and the wash water was discharging off-site. Please be aware that wash water from power-washing activities should be collected and directed to the sanitary sewer, provided that you have permission from the City of Columbus to discharge the wash water to their sanitary sewer.
- There were industrial activities such as crushing and separating being conducted outside. These activities should be conducted under roof and in a contained area.
- There were large piles of industrial waste stored outside. The industrial waste should be stored under roof in a contained area.
- I noted dandy bag covers on the storm water drains. Please maintain these covers and replace when necessary to prevent debris from discharging to the storm water drain.
- There was a large roll-off dumpster that did not have a cover. Trash containers must have lids or covers.

Please be aware that your facility does not meet the NOE. You must immediately submit a Notice of intent for a General Permit for Storm Water associated with Industrial Activity. Also, best management practices (BMPs) must be immediately employed to prevent contaminated discharges to waters of the state. The Permit can be found at the following address: http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/permits/GP_IndustrialStormWater.aspx.

A storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) must be developed specific to this site. The plan must include BMPs to prevent contaminated storm water from discharging to waters of the state. BMPs include storing industrial waste and conducting industrial activities under roof and in a contained area . Please be aware that Ohio EPA reserves the right to require modifications to the SWPPP if the minimum conditions of the General Industrial Storm Water Permit are not met.

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

Sincerely,



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Central District Office

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GS/nm Novotec Recycling, September 21, 2012