



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

Re: **Notice of Violation**
Auglaize County
Thieman Stamping Company
Ohio EPA Permit No. 2IN00164
NPDES Permit No. OH0122289

August 9, 2013

Mr. Lindsay Miller
Environmental Coordinator
Thieman Stamping Company
P.O. Box 45
New Bremen, Ohio 45869

Dear Mr. Miller:

We are in receipt of your self-monitoring reports covering the months of April through June 2013 for the referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The specific instances of non-compliance are enclosed on a separate sheet. Further review of your self-monitoring reports for the previous six months, ending in June 2013, indicates that you are in significant non-compliance (SNC) with an effluent limitation contained in your NPDES permit. The specific instance of SNC is enclosed on a separate sheet.

A facility becomes in SNC when it exceeds the effluent limit for four or more months in two consecutive quarters or exceeds the effluent limit significantly in any two months in two consecutive quarters. Achieving compliance with Ohio's environmental laws is a primary focus of Ohio EPA in order to reduce risks to public health and welfare.

We have received Mr. Andy Nieport's July 27, 2013, email response for the above mentioned violation. His response as well as your June 14, 2013, letter indicates the actions that were taken to resolve the violations occurring at your facility and shows that all test results for the month of July 2013 are in compliance. At this time, we do not require any further response for the violations.

On July 17, 2013, Mr. Nieport contacted me by telephone to discuss the above mentioned violation. We also discussed your facility's sampling and reporting procedures. Be reminded that all samples collected and tested in accordance with the requirements of your NPDES permit must be reported on your facility's discharge monitoring report for the day it was collected. Your facility's NPDES permit specifies the minimum testing requirements. You may collect additional samples beyond the minimum requirements, but those samples results must

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be reported in your discharge monitoring report. You are to report the actual sample result of each sample, not an average of the sample results. Our database program will calculate an average of the sample results for our compliance evaluation purposes. In some instances, failing to report all sample results collected and tested in accordance with a NPDES permit can be considered a criminal action and therefore could be a punishable offense.

The Ohio EPA strongly encourages pollution prevention as the preferred approach for waste management. The first priority of pollution prevention is to eliminate the generation of wastes and pollutants at the source (source reduction). For those wastes or pollutants that are generated, the second priority is to recycle or reuse them in an environmentally sound manner. You can benefit economically, help preserve the environment, and improve your public image by implementing pollution prevention programs. Information about Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance & Pollution Prevention can be found on Ohio EPA's Website at <http://epa.ohio.gov/ocapp> or by calling (614) 644 – 3469.

If there are any questions or if you wish to meet with our office to discuss this matter; please contact me at (419) 373 – 3022, **within 10 days** of receiving this letter.

Sincerely,



Justin A. Williams
Environmental Specialist II
Division of Surface Water

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Enclosures

ec: NOV Tracking

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Violation for Thieman Stamping Company April-June 2013

Permit No	Reporting Period	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value	Violation Date
2IN00164*BD	June 2013	001	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	30D Conc	1.0	1.5	6/1/2013

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Facilities in Significant Non-Compliance **

Period: Jan-13 Jun-13

County	Permit #	Facility Name	Major	Station Code	Param Code	Parameter Name	Max % Exceed	# Months Signif Exceed (1)**	# Months Exceed (2)**
Auglaize	2IN00164	Thierman Stamping Company		1	00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3)	750	4	4

Footnotes

for Significant NonCompliance

** Significant non-compliance with effluent limits occurred if one or more pollutants met the following conditions:

1. During 2 or more months, the reported effluent concentration (or computed load) for a parameter exceeded an effluent limit by:
 - a. 40% for Group 1 pollutants **plus Fecal Coliform**
 - b. 20% for Group 2 pollutants **plus pH, Temperature, whole effluent toxicity**-- or --
2. During 4 or more months, the reported concentration (or computed load) exceeded the limit by > 1%.

Note: This method differs from USEPA Significant Non-compliance (SNC) method in the following ways:

- USEPA only evaluates SNC for average limits. In above analyses, maximum and weekly limits were also considered.