



John R. Kasich, Governor
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September 23, 2013

Ms. Theresa Myers
Formica Corporation
10155 Reading Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45241

**RE: Formica Corporation, OH0009296; 1IQ00000*GD
NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Dear Ms. Myers:

This office has received the following non-compliance notifications for the above referenced facility. Our review indicates violations of the conditions of your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The specific instances of non-compliance and/or deficiencies were as follows:

EFFLUENT LIMIT VIOLATIONS

Station No. 1IQ00000001:

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Code</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Reported</i>	<i>Permit Limit</i>
Temperature	00010	06/27/11	31.1 °C	30 °C

On March 22, 2011, Holly Padovani and Mike Martin called to notify the Division of Surface Water of a loss of up to 13.75 gallons of oil from a compressor. A sheen was visible in the on-site cooling pond. Booms were deployed, and absorbent pads were used to soak up the oil. Pettit Environmental provided additional booms. No sheen was noticed on the Mill Creek or the tributary from the pond.

On November 29, 2012, it appeared there was white foam in the discharge from the cooling pond. MSD of Greater Cincinnati followed up on this notification. No foam was found in Mill Creek. Any foaming was due to low flow conditions.

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On March 5, 2013, you called to notify the Division of Surface Water of a loss of up to 2.62 gallons of oil from a compressor. A sheen was visible in the on-site cooling pond. Booms were deployed, and absorbent pads were used to soak up the oil. Pettit Environmental provided additional booms. No sheen was noticed on the Mill Creek or the tributary from the pond. Sampling data from the discharge showed compliance with its NPDES permit limits including Oil & Grease.

On September 5, 2013, there was a release of up to thirty pounds of Pontamine Fast Scarlet 4B liquid with 1,500 gallons of water into MSD's sanitary sewer, and the storm sewer system which discharged to Mill Creek. Dye was observed in the cooling pond and Mill Creek. The release of the color into the Mill Creek is a violation of Ohio Administrative Code 3745-1-04(C) which states:

To every extent practical and possible as determined by the director, these waters shall be: Free from materials entering the waters as a result of human activity producing color, odor or other conditions in such a degree as to create a nuisance.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the effluent limitations or to satisfy monitoring or reporting requirements of your NPDES permit may be cause for enforcement action pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 6111. The reasons for the violations and steps taken to prevent the violations from recurring have been provided.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at (937) 285-6108.

Sincerely,



Marianne Piekutowski
Environmental Specialist II
Division of Surface Water

cc: Mark Ferguson, Formica Corporation
Diane Berniquer, Formica Corporation

ec: Holly Padovani, EHS Technology Group

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