



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

Re: Hancock County
0332010178
Blanchard Valley Farmers Cooperative
Notice of Violation (NOV/non-HPV)

May 24, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Joe Hochstettler
Blanchard Valley Farmers Cooperative
501 South Countyline Street
P. O. Box 1045
Fostoria, Ohio 44830

Dear Mr. Hochstettler:

The Permit Evaluation Report (PER) submitted for calendar year 2012 indicated that Blanchard Valley Farmers Cooperative ("Blanchard") experienced deviations of operational restrictions established in Permit to Install and Operate (PTIO) P0107139, effective date April 28, 2011. Specifically, the following deviations were reported:

P901 (Truck Receiving, Railcar Unloading, Grain Transfer, Screening and Cleaning)

1. The transferring/conveying operations exceeded the operational restriction of 517,200 tons by nearly double.
2. The truck receiving operations exceeded the operational restriction of 517,200 tons by 22,607 tons.
3. The screening and cleaning operations exceeded the operational restriction of 101,500 tons by nearly double.

P902 (Railcar and Truck Loading)

1. The transferring/conveying operations exceeded the operational restriction of 517,200 tons by nearly double.

The above throughput exceedances are determined to be out of compliance with the terms and conditions of PTIO P0107139. Failure to comply with issued permits is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 3704.05.

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Ohio EPA met with Blanchard on April 23, 2013 to discuss a compliance plan to correct the deficiencies. During the meeting it was determined that the deficiencies were a result of unforeseen market fluctuations, and that Blanchard would submit a PTIO modification to bring the emissions units into compliance. Ohio EPA requests that the updated applications are submitted by June 24, 2013.

Please note that the submission of the requested information to respond to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties as provided in Section 3704.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ohio EPA will determine later whether to pursue such penalties in this case.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 419.373.3115 or by email at julie.mccarthy@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



Julie L. McCarthy
Division of Air Pollution Control

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