



Environmental
Protection Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor
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Re: Seneca County
Tiffin Foundry & Machine, Inc.
423 Adams Street
Tiffin, OH 44883
Premise # 0374020107
Notice of Violation (non-HPV)

November 29, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Steven Sobol, Chief Executive Officer
Tiffin Foundry & Machine, Inc.
P. O. Box 37
Tiffin, Ohio 44883

Dear Mr. Sobol:

This letter shall serve as follow-up to the inspection and investigation conducted at the referenced facility on September 6, 2011. Attending this inspection were Mr. Chad Winebrenner and myself, both as representatives of the Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) at the Northwest District Office (NWDO). Mr. David Hashbarger, representing the facility, led us on a tour of the facility that day. It should be noted that no production took place at the facility at the time of our visit. The reason for the inspection was to determine the compliance status of the emission units that are operating at this facility with the rules and regulations of DAPC. The investigation was conducted based on a complaint lodged against the facility on April 19, 2011, and forwarded to DAPC on August 24, 2011, by US EPA.

Based on our observations during the inspection, a review of the facility records and subsequent correspondence, the findings are summarized as follows:

1. The facility was issued Permit to Install (PTI) #03-237 on April 29, 1975, for an 1800 pound per hour electrical induction furnace. This emissions unit had been permanently shut down prior to new ownership of the facility in February 2005. This office will update our records to show this unit shut down on February 1, 2005, and the subsequent permit will be revoked.

During the complaint investigation, several operations were observed that would be considered air contaminant sources under Ohio EPA rules and regulations. Furthermore, a review of NWDO, DAPC files indicate no permits have been issued to the facility, with the exception of item 1 above. The utilization of an air contaminant source, as defined in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-31-01, without a permit is a violation of OAC rule 3745-31-02 regarding obtaining required permits and OAC rule 3745-31-05 regarding employing best available technology to reduce emissions of air contaminants. A violation of these rules constitutes a violation of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3704.05.

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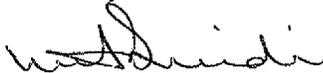
In order to accurately assess all air contaminant sources at the facility, NWDO requests a site visit and inspection be scheduled within 14 days of receipt of this letter. This inspection should take place at time when the facility is in full operation and will be used to further determine applicability and compliance with air pollution rules and regulations.

2. In addition to any guidance given to you during our upcoming visit, please note that Ohio EPA has an Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) that may be able to assist you in determining compliance with the rules and regulations of DAPC. Additional information about this office can be found at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ocapp> or by calling OCAPP at 1-800-329-7518. The OCAPP representative at this office is Mr. Ron Nabors and he can be contacted at (419) 373-3147 or at ron.nabors@epa.state.oh.us.

Tiffin Foundry and Machine, Inc. should contact this office upon receipt of this letter to schedule a site visit and inspection of the facility. Please be advised that a response to this letter does not constitute waiver of the Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties pursuant to ORC section 3704.06. The Ohio EPA will make a decision on whether to pursue or decline to pursue such penalties regarding this matter at a later date.

If you have any questions and/or concerns regarding this letter, please feel free to call me at (419) 373-3118 or e-mail at mohammad.smidi@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



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