



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Hardin County
Heritage Cooperative
13118 State Route 31 S
Kenton, OH 43326
Premise #0333010147
Notice of Violation (NOV/non-HPV)

December 14, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Max Perry
Safety and Compliance Manager
Heritage Cooperative
11177 Township Road 133
P. O. Box 68
West Mansfield, Ohio 43358

Dear Mr. Perry:

This letter shall serve as follow-up to the inspection conducted at Heritage Cooperative ("Heritage") on December 6, 2011. The reason for the inspection was to determine if the emission units at Heritage are operating in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC). The inspection was conducted by Mr. Chad Winebrenner and me, both as representatives of Ohio EPA's DAPC at the Northwest District Office (NWDO).

Based on our observations during the inspection, the information obtained from Mr. Josh Loverich and Mr. Denny Kingman and a review of the facility files at the NWDO, the findings of the inspection are summarized as follows:

1. Heritage operates a grain elevator that currently has a storage capacity of about 3.5 million bushels. There are two (2) grain receiving stations (by truck), a column grain dryer installed in 1991, grain loading operations by both truck and rail and unpaved roadways. In addition, there is an outdoor storage pile that was installed and operated in 1991 which has a capacity of one (1) million bushels. The installation and operation of these emissions units are in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-31-02 and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3704.05. Therefore, the facility is required to submit a PTIO application for each emissions unit, an EAC form and a process flow diagram.

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Heritage is required to submit the information detailed above by January 12, 2012. Please be advised 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 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, feel free to contact me at (419) 373-3118 or by e-mail at mohammad.smidi@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



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Division of Air Pollution Control

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