



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

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

Re: Ashland County
American Augers, Inc.
0303000167
Notice of Violation (NOV)

March 9, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Nate Heckman
135 US Route 42
P. O. Box 814
West Salem, Ohio 44287

Dear Mr. Heckman:

The purpose of this letter is to outline violations identified in the company's Annual Permit Evaluation Report for 2011, received February, 2012. In 2011 the company used adhesion promoters in emission unit K001 (Paint booth) with VOCs greater than 3.0 pounds/gallon, a violation of Permit to Install and Operate (PTIO) P0105052 term and condition C.1.b.1.c, OAC rule 3745-21-09(U)(1)(i) and ORC 3704.05. Also the company used adhesion promoters in emission units K002 and K003 (spray booths with curing ovens) with VOCs greater than 3.0 pounds/gallon, a violation of PTIO P0104809 terms and conditions C.1.b.1.d and C.2.b.1.d, and OAC rule 3745-21-09(U)(1)(i) and ORC 3704.05. However, the company has proposed to address these violations by modifying these permits. Also, the company has implemented a New Material Approval Procedure to better maintain coating parameter, usage and emission calculations.

This office is requesting that the company contact us by April 9, 2012 to schedule a meeting to discuss the permit modifications. You may contact me at 419-373-3139 or by email robert.teer@epa.state.oh.us to set up a meeting time. Please be advised that responding to this letter does not constitute a waiver of 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.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Teer
Division of Air Pollution Control

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