



**Environmental
Protection Agency**

John E. Kasich, **Governor**
Mary Taylor, **Lt. Governor**
Scott J. Balby, **Director**

Re: Auglaize County
Hoge Lumber Company
PTIO P0107133 (03 06 00 0120)
Return to Compliance

March 14, 2012

Mr. John Hoge
Hoge Lumber Company
701 South Main Street
New Knoxville, Ohio 45871

Dear Mr. Hoge:

The Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) issued Hoge Lumber Company a Notice of Violation (NOV) dated February 27, 2012, citing reporting deficiencies relating to the operation of the electro-static precipitator (ESP) for the wood-fired boiler (emissions unit B004).

Based on the company's response to the NOV, we have determined that the compliance plan is acceptable. The actions taken by Hoge Lumber Company have corrected the violations and we believe these emission units are now being operated in compliance with the permit requirements. The company has submitted a revised report for the fourth quarter, and has committed to this corrected reporting, in accordance with the permit, for future reports.

Please note, however, that this does not preclude the Director from seeking civil penalties pursuant to ORC section 3704.06 for these violations. The decision on whether to pursue or decline to pursue such penalties regarding this matter is dependent on several factors, one of which is the company's future compliance with applicable Ohio EPA requirements.

Should the company have any questions and/or comments, I may be reached at (419) 373-3117. I may also be contacted electronically by E-mail at: paul.chad@epa.state.oh.us

Sincerely,

Paul Chad
Division of Air Pollution Control

/llr

pc: Tom Kalman, DAPC CO
DAPC NWDO File

ec: Jennifer Jolliff, DAPC NWDO
William MacDowell, US EPA - Region V