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Bruce Bailey
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Re: **Notice of Violation** based upon the presence of objectionable odors due to odor control practices not being followed on April 19, 2012, at the Quasar Group, Columbus, Ohio, (Facility ID 0125044001)

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Ohio EPA Central District Office (CDO) Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) inspectors, Barbara Walker and Bryon Marusek, visited the Quasar Energy Group, Columbus, Ohio, facility on Thursday April 19, 2012, in response to odors being detected off of the facility property along Jackson Pike.

Listed below are "Findings" based upon CDO observations and conversations with facility personnel. The findings are followed by "Violation(s)" (if applicable) and "Requested Action(s)" necessary to address stated findings and violations.

1. **Finding**

CDO personnel first detected an odor off the facility property at 10:00 a.m. on April 19, 2012. At 11:15 a.m. CDO personnel observed the biosolids receiving lid open and detected an odor. At 12:30 p.m. CDO personnel observed the biosolids receiving lid open and spoke with facility personnel. Facility personnel stated that the facility had accepted a frozen shipment at 9:00 a.m. as a test for new allowable materials and were attempting to thaw the material while keeping the receiving lid open.

Violation

Operating the Quasar Energy Group facility with the biosolids receiving lid open, while not actively receiving or in the process of receiving material, is a violation of the odor control plan as approved in the original application and Permit to Install and Operate No. P0109080 issued 2/29/20012.

Violations of the terms and conditions of Permit to Install and Operate P019080 are also considered violations of Ohio Revised Code 3704.05(C) which states:

"No person who is the holder of a permit [...] shall violate any of its terms or conditions"

Requested Action

CDO is requesting that Quasar Energy Group ensure compliance with the approved odor control plan at all times. If the facility is planning to test additional allowable materials that may result in the emission of objectionable odors or deviations from the odor control plan in the future, please notify CDO-DAPC in advance.

Additional Information

Please be aware that emissions of odors may be considered an air pollution nuisance under Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-15-07(A).

If, at some time in the future, this facility experiences an equipment malfunction or deviation from normal processes, please contact the Ohio EPA, Central District Office, Division of Air Pollution Control to report the temporary change in operation.

Please note that the Ohio EPA has the authority to seek civil penalties as provided in section 3704.06 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). This letter or information pursuant to this letter does not constitute a waiver of Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties as provided in the ORC. The decision on whether or not to seek such penalties will be made by the Ohio EPA at a later date.

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Woods of my staff at (614) 728-8471 or matt.woods@epa.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,



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