



Environmental  
Protection Agency

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April 23, 2012

Randy Schoedinger  
Schoedinger Funeral Home  
229 E. State Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: **Notice of Violation** based upon the emission of odors on April 18, 2012 at  
Schoedinger Funeral Home (Facility ID 0125040907)

Dear Mr. Schoedinger:

Ohio EPA Central District Office (CDO) received a complaint regarding strong odors and visible emissions coming from a stack at the Schoedinger Funeral Home on April 18, 2012.

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:** Objectionable odors from a crematory stack

CDO personnel noted objectionable odors coming from a facility emission unit the morning of April 18, 2012. CDO personnel then spoke with facility personnel and learned that the crematory was not operating as designed, resulting in significant visible emissions and objectionable odors.

**Violations**

Operation of a crematory resulting in objectionable odors is a violation of the terms and conditions of permit-to-install and operate (PTIO) P0109407 which states:

*"The cremation unit, including all associated equipment and grounds, shall be designed, operated, and maintained so as to prevent the emission of objectionable odors."*

Violations of the terms and conditions of PTIO P0109407 is also considered a violation of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 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 received information that the facility has been working with the manufacturer to verify the proper operation of the crematory. CDO requests information about any adjustments or repairs made to the crematory from April 1, 2012, through May 1, 2012. This information should be provided to Ohio EPA within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of this letter.

Additional Information

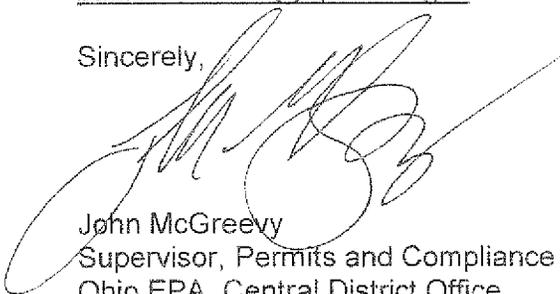
Please be aware that emissions of objectionable odors may be considered an air pollution nuisance under Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-15-07(A).

If at some time in the future this facility plans to install additional air contaminant sources or modify an existing air contaminant source, please contact Ohio EPA, Central District Office to obtain the appropriate forms and discuss the applicability of any rules in question. Ohio EPA endeavors to process all applications in an expeditious manner.

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 Barbara Walker of my staff at (614) 728-3805 or [barbara.walker@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:barbara.walker@epa.ohio.gov).

Sincerely,



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