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Protection Agency**

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March 24, 2011

RE: SEVERSTAL WARREN
FACILITY ID 0278000463
DAPC WARNING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL

Keith McLaughlin
Severstal Warren
1040 Pine Ave. SE
Warren, OH 44883-6528

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

After review of your Excess Emissions Report for the fourth quarter of 2010 (October 1 – December 31), we find Severstal Warren exceeded visual emission permit limitations for boiler number 1 (emissions unit B001) as measured by the Continuous Opacity Monitor (COM).

Opacity:

Part III. A.I.1, page 22, of the current Title V permit issued on February 5, 2003, provides a visual emission limitation of 20 percent opacity as a 6-minute average, except as provided by the rule.

During the 4th quarter of 2010, there were 1366, 6-minute average exceedences, as measured by the COM, that were over the limit of 20 percent opacity as a 6-minute average in violation of the terms and conditions of the Title V permit and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3704.05(C). These opacity exceedences ranged from 21 percent to 95 percent.

Summary:

In Severstal Warren's Opacity Exceedence Report for the 4th quarter of 2010, it was stated that coal had not been burned in boiler number 1 and that only gaseous fuels were burned in boiler number 1 during the quarter. Severstal Warren believes that since only gaseous fuels were being burned and visual emissions would not be expected in excess of 20 percent under these circumstances, all of the exceedences are false readings and may be attributed to a computer virus in the COM system.

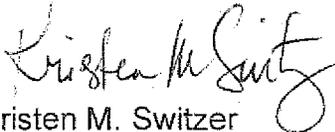
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Recent telephone conversations with you on behalf of Severstal Warren have revealed that the opacity exceedences have been resolved. Please take all necessary actions to ensure that the excess emission readings (accurate or false) do not occur in the future.

The issuance of this notice does not constitute a waiver of Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties as provided in Section 3704.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. The determination to pursue or decline such penalties in this case will be made by the Ohio EPA at a later date. This notice does not excuse any violations of federal, state, and local laws or regulations regarding air pollution control.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (330)963-1107.

Sincerely,



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