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July 13, 2010

RE: **NOTICE OF VIOLATION**
GRAND RIVER RUBBER & PLASTICS
ASHTABULA, OHIO
OEPA ID: 02 04 01 0279
O.D. GRINDER RUBBER ROLLS
EMISSION UNIT ID: P001

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Joseph A. Misinec
Grand River Rubber & Plastics
2029 Aetna Rd.
P.O. Box 477
Ashtabula, Ohio 44005-0477

Dear Mr. Misinec:

Ohio EPA has received a large amount of odor complaints in Ashtabula Township over the past three months, and we have been conducting area surveillance and an ongoing investigation in an effort to locate the source or sources of these odors. On June 30, 2010, Ohio EPA representatives from the Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) were in the township investigating the most recent odor complaints. We observed visible emissions in the form of gray-to-black smoke escaping from vents at the back of your plant, and detected a burnt rubber odor that we associated with those emissions.

As a part of our ongoing investigation, I conducted a visible emission evaluation of the vent serving the O.D. Grinder of Rubber Rolls (P001). It has been determined from the visible emission (VE) readings that the O.D. Grinder of Rubber Rolls (P001) located at this facility is in violation of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 3745-17-07 (A)(1). This rule states, in part, that "visible particulate emissions from any stack shall not exceed 20% opacity, as a six minute average," as determined by Method 9 of 40 CFR, Part 63, Appendix A. Opacity determines the degree to which light is blocked by the visible particulate emission. Visible particulate emissions from the vent servicing emission unit P001 were observed as high as 31%, as a six - minute average, in violation of OAC rule 3745-17-07(A)(1) and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 3704.05(A). A copy of the observation form is enclosed.

Within twenty (20) days of receipt of this letter, Grand River Rubber & Plastics must submit a compliance plan and time schedule for compliance. Ohio EPA may request detailed plans on other specific processes. Please be advised that acceptance by Ohio EPA of any compliance plan does not constitute a waiver of Ohio EPA's authority to seek civil penalties as provided in the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3704.06. The determination to pursue further action will be determined by Ohio EPA at a later date.

MR. JOSEPH A. MISINEC

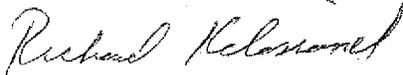
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Failure to correct the above violation and to operate this facility in accordance with all applicable state air pollution laws and rules will result in a referral to DAPC's Enforcement Committee for enforcement consideration.

If you should have any questions or need to discuss this matter further, please contact Rich Kolosionek at 330-963-1241.

Sincerely,



Richard Kolosionek
District Representative
Division of Air Pollution Control

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