



**SOUTHWEST OHIO
AIR QUALITY AGENCY**

July 16, 2012

Certified mail

Pat Gallo
AK Steel Corporation
1801 Crawford Street
Middletown, Ohio 45043

Re: NOTICE OF VIOLATION - Exceedance of Visible Particulate Limitations at Raw Material Storage Piles in violation of OAC rule 3745-07-07(B)(6) and the terms and conditions of the Title V Operating Permit

Facility ID: 1409010006
Emissions Unit(s): F002 RM Storage Piles
AK STEEL
Location: 1801 CRAWFORD STREET
Middletown, Ohio 45043
Butler County

Dear Mr. Gallo:

On July 12, 2012, an Environmental Compliance Specialist from the Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency (the agency) observed heavy dust rising from the coal storage area at AK Steel where an operator appeared to be repositioning coal. The Specialist conducted a Method 22 Visible Emission Observation starting at 4:48 PM and ending at 5:53 PM (45 minutes of observation and two rest breaks as required by Method 22). During that observation there was an accumulated emission time of 22 minutes and 3 seconds.

OAC rule 3745-17-07(B)(6) and the terms of AK Steel's Title V Operating Permit allows no visible emissions from any material storage pile except for a period of time not to exceed thirteen minutes during any sixty-minute observation period.

Load -in or load-out of storage piles with visible emissions in excess of 13 minutes during a 60 minute observation period is a violation of OAC rule 3745-17-07(B)(6) and the terms and conditions of AK Steel's Title V Operating Permit for emissions unit F002.

Please submit to the agency a written plan of corrective action detailing what actions AK Steel will take to eliminate or minimize fugitive emissions from the handling of raw materials in the coal storage area so that these emissions comply with permit terms and conditions. This corrective action plan should be submitted within two weeks of the receipt of this notice.

Acceptance by the Ohio EPA of a schedule for compliance does not constitute a waiver of the 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 at a later date. Failure to comply with the requirements of this letter may result in additional enforcement action including possible referral of this case to the Office of the Attorney General. The violations identified above also constitute a violation of the City of Middletown Health Department rules. City of Middletown Health Department air pollution rules are enforced by Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Ploetz". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Mike Ploetz
Environmental Compliance Specialist

cc: Bruce Weinberg, Ohio EPA
William MacDowell, Region 5, USEPA