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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

April 26, 2011

Allan Szarek
The Awning Company
2067 W. 41st St.
Cleveland, OH 44113

FACILITY ID: Unassigned
**RECEIPT OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: Operating an air emissions unit
without obtaining a state permit**

Dear Mr. Szarek:

On March 31, 2011, the Cleveland Division of Air Quality (CDAQ) issued a Notice of Violation requesting that The Awning Company submit a permit-to-install/operate (PTIO) application within thirty (30) days of receipt of the letter. CDAQ is in receipt of a letter dated April 15, 2011 stating that a PTIO application will be submitted once the Awning Company has met with the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP).

You are still expected to comply with submitting a PTIO application for the paint spray room by May 10, 2011 to the following address:

Sarah Buzas
Cleveland Division of Air Quality
75 Erieview Plaza 2nd Floor
Cleveland, OH 44114

Failure to do so may result in referral to Ohio EPA or U.S. EPA for further enforcement action. Fulfillment of your commitments included in the corrective action plan and/or any modifications contained within this letter does not constitute a waiver of CDAQ's ability to refer this matter to Ohio EPA or U.S. EPA for further enforcement action. Please submit any future correspondence related to this matter to the following enforcement representative:

Megan Murphy
Cleveland Division of Air Quality
75 Erieview Plaza 2nd Floor
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1839



CDAQ issues this letter with Ohio EPA's concurrence and does not excuse any violations of local, state and federal laws or regulations regarding air pollution control. Violations of air pollution control laws may be pursued in local court or referred to Ohio EPA or U.S. EPA for further enforcement action. Should you have any questions, please call Megan Murphy at 216-664-4258 or Sarah Buzas at 216-420-7681.

Sincerely,

Linda Kimmy
Field Enforcement Manager, CDAQ

LK/mm

cc: Allan Szarek, The Awning Company
John Paulian, Ohio EPA Central Office
William MacDowell, U.S. EPA Region V
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Allan Szarek
 The Auning Co.
 2067 W 41st St.
 Cleveland, OH 44113

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Scott H. ...

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THE AWNING COMPANY

April 29, 2011

Ms. Buzas
Cleveland Division of Air Quality
75 Erievue Plaza, Suite 200
Cleveland, OH 44114

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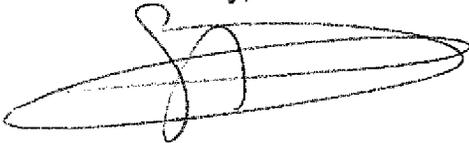
Dear Ms. Buzas,

This letter is in response to your Notice of Violation dated March 31, 2011. On April 26, 2011, we met with Ohio EPA's OCAPP representative at The Awning Company. We reviewed the coating and solvent purchase records. Although we do not have any usage records, based on purchase records and painting practices, we believe that our facility qualifies for the *de minimis* exception found in Ohio Administrative Code 3745-15-05. Please see the *Description and Calculation for The Awning Company* which is enclosed.

We respectfully request that you allow us two months to collect usage data. We propose to send you data for May and June by July 15, 2011. We hope to demonstrate that we do meet the *de minimis* exception. If we do not, we will submit a Permit-to-Install and Operate application.

Please let me know if this is acceptable.

Sincerely,



Mr. Scott Hawrelechko
The Awning Company
2067 West 41st St.
Cleveland, OH 44113

enclosure: *Description and Calculation for The Awning Company*

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Description and Calculations for

The Awning Company
2067 West 41th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

The Awning Company manufactures custom fabric awnings. The frames are made of aluminum. Some replacement awning frames are fabricated from galvanized steel. Manufacturing activities include cutting, bending, welding, grinding, sewing, and painting.

The painting is done in a paint room. It is a large enclosed area with a fabric filtration system. All painters have been trained.

Two coating materials are used: ALK-110 is the top coat and PLC-900 is the base primer. From January 2011 to the end of March 2100, ten (10) gallons of top coat and four (4) gallons of primer were purchased. Based on purchase records and knowledge of the painting activities, the painting activity at The Awning Company probably emits less than ten (10) pounds of pollutants a day. This would qualify the activity for the *de minimis* exemption.

The only way to know if the painting activity qualifies for this exemption is to have records of the paint used. Paint usage records are now being kept.

Painting does not occur every day. Usually it is done once a week. Paint takes only about 30 minutes.

ALK-110 contains 5.00 pounds of VOC per gallon as applied. PLC-9 contains 6.55 pounds of VOC per gallon as applied. Fourteen gallons of material were purchased in the first 12 weeks of 2011. If all the paint was used, average weekly use would be 1.16 gal/week. Even using the higher VOC level of 6.55 lb/gal, the VOC emitted each time painting occurs would be less than 10 lb/day.