



John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: Allen County
Linde Gas North America, LLC
Premise #0302020242
Return to Compliance

February 13, 2013

Ms. Robin Callaghan, Air Quality Manager
Linde Gas North America, LLC
575 Mountain Avenue
Murray Hill, New Jersey 07974

Dear Ms. Callaghan:

On February 13, 2007, the Division of Air Pollution Control issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to BOC Americas, Inc. for its hydrogen plant located at 1150 South Metcalf Street in Lima, Ohio. We are sending this return to compliance letter to you, since the current owner is Linde Gas North America, LLC. The NOV was for exceeding the nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions limit on emissions unit P042 during a stack test conducted on November 21, 2006. The emissions limit at the time of testing was 0.035 pounds of NOx per million Btu of actual heat input. Stack test results showed actual emissions of 0.036 NOx per million Btu of actual heat input.

Resolution of the violation included issuance of two permits to revise the emissions limit to 0.038 pounds of NOx per million Btu of actual heat input on a rolling, 12-month basis as follows:

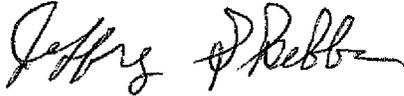
- Permit to install administrative modification No. P0109508, with effective date of June 22, 2012; and
- Title V permit No. P0110394, with effective date of November 28, 2012.

With the issuance of the two permits listed above, the violation for excess NOx emissions has been resolved. Please note, however, that this does not preclude the Director from seeking civil penalties pursuant to ORC section 3704.06 for these violations. The decision on whether to pursue or decline to pursue such penalties regarding this matter is dependent on several factors, one of which is the company's future compliance with applicable Ohio EPA requirements.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 419-373-3128.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Skebba". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jeffrey Skebba
Division of Air Pollution Control

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