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Subject: DEQ Violation

On December 11, 2018, the Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division conducted an inspection of the burn off oven at Coatings Plus, Inc. This oven was installed during February, 2008 and was dismantled during September, 2018. The oven is not in use at this time. Two violations were found.

The first violation, PTI No. 44-08, EUBURNOFF, Special Condition (SC) 1.11, stated that no records were found for "burn-off" temperature and "afterburner" temperature. When we received our permit to install (#44-08) on February 26, 2008 we installed a data collector that recorded the temperature in the burn-off chamber, and in the secondary burn chamber at the exhaust stack. This device recorded data successfully for six years, but unfortunately during 2014 it stopped working. Even though the data recorder was no longer functioning, we continued to use the burn off oven until it was "mothballed" during September, 2018.

The second violation, PTI No. 44-08, EUBURNOFF, SC 1.10 was for failure to calibrate the thermocouples on an annual basis. That was an oversight on our part (Coatings Plus, Inc.). We now understand that having the thermocouples calibrated is a condition of having a permit, and we will do so in the future.

Due to recent renovations at Coatings Plus, the burn-off oven has been disabled and put into storage. The existing exhaust stack for our current permit has been removed. It is our intent to apply for a new permit, and reinstall our burn-off oven in a different location within our building (still at 675 Chestnut St.). Bob Rabe has been in contact with Adam Shaffer to discuss the new permit. When we receive our new permit, we will make sure that we are in compliance and that these violations will not reoccur. If you have any questions, please call me at 616 451-2427.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Stegmeier".

Jeff Stegmeier
President, Coatings Plus, Inc.

CC: Jenine Camilleri