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RCRA Branch (LR-17J)
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Dear Mr. Lee:

On October 5, 2018, Vickery Environmental, Inc.'s (VEI) received your email that contained VEI's Draft Federal RCRA Permit. VEI is pleased to provide the following comments regarding the Draft Federal RCRA Permit. The comments are in a bold/italics format.

The comments will be emailed on November 21, 2018 with a hard copy mailed same day.

Sincerely,

VICKERY ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett A. Miller'.

Brett A. Miller
Environmental Manager

cc w/: Agency Correspondence

SECTION I—STANDARD PERMIT CONDITIONS

I.A EFFECT OF PERMIT

This permit contains the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit conditions. You also have an effective State of Ohio RCRA permit. You are hereby allowed to manage hazardous waste at Vickery Environmental, Inc. (“facility”) in accordance with this permit and the effective State RCRA permit. Your storage, treatment, and disposal of RCRA hazardous waste must comply with all terms and conditions in this permit. Other aspects of the storage, treatment, and disposal of RCRA hazardous wastes are subject to the conditions in the State-issued portion of the RCRA permit. Any hazardous waste activity which requires a RCRA permit and is not included either in this permit or the State RCRA permit, is prohibited.

Subject to 40 C.F.R. § 270.4, compliance with the RCRA permit during its term constitutes compliance, for purposes of enforcement, with Subtitle C of RCRA except for those requirements not included in the permit which: (1) become effective by statute; (2) are promulgated under 40 C.F.R. Part 268 restricting the placement of hazardous waste in or on the land; (3) are promulgated under 40 C.F.R. Part 264 regarding leak detection systems; or (4) are promulgated under Subparts AA, BB, or CC of 40 C.F.R. Part 265 limiting air emissions. (40 C.F.R. § 270.4).

This permit does not: (1) convey any property rights or any exclusive privilege (40 C.F.R. § 270.30(g)); (2) authorize any injury to persons or property, or invasion of other private rights; or (3) authorize any infringement of state or local law or regulations. Compliance with the terms of this permit does not constitute a defense to any order issued, or any action brought, under: (1) Sections 3008(a), 3008(h), 3013, or 7003 of RCRA; (2) Sections 104, 106(a), or 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 *et seq.* (commonly known as “CERCLA”); or (3) any other law protecting public health or the environment.

I.B PERMIT ACTIONS

I.B.1 Permit Review, Modification, Revocation and Reissuance, and Termination

EPA may review, modify, or revoke and reissue this permit, or terminate it for cause, as specified in 40 C.F.R. §§ 270.41, 270.42, and 270.43. EPA may also review and modify this permit, consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 270.41, to include any terms and conditions it determines are necessary to protect human health and the environment under Section 3005(c)(3) of RCRA. The filing of a request for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or

anticipated noncompliance on your part will not stay the applicability or enforceability of any permit condition. (40 C.F.R. § 270.30(f)).

You may request a modification of this permit under the procedures specified in 40 C.F.R. § 270.42. A Class 1 modification is generally allowed without prior approval by EPA, except under certain conditions as described in 40 C.F.R. § 270.42(a)(2). A Class 2 modification requires prior approval by EPA as described in 40 C.F.R. § 270.42(b). You must not perform any construction associated with a Class 3 permit modification request until such modification request is granted and the modification becomes effective.

You may perform construction associated with a Class 2 permit modification request beginning 60 calendar days after submission of the request, unless the Director establishes a later date. (40 C.F.R. § 270.42(b)(8)). (Pursuant to Chapter 8-6 of the Region 5 Delegation Manual, the authority assigned to the Regional Administrator as Director under 40 C.F.R. § 270.42(b)(8) has been delegated to the Director of the Land and Chemicals Division of EPA, Region 5. Thus, for the purposes of this permit, the term Director must refer to the Division Director of EPA Region 5's Land and Chemicals Division). Procedures for a Class 3 modification are specified in 40 C.F.R. § 270.42(c).

I.B.2 Permit Renewal

This permit may be renewed as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 270.30(b) and Section I.E.2 of this permit. In reviewing any application for a permit renewal, EPA will consider improvements in the state of control and measurement technology, and changes in applicable regulations. (40 C.F.R. § 270.30(b) and RCRA Section 3005(c)(3)).

I.C SEVERABILITY

This permit's provisions are severable. If any permit provision, or the application of any permit provision to any circumstance, is held invalid, such provision's application to other circumstances and the remainder of this permit will not be affected. Invalidation of any statutory or regulatory provision on which any condition of this permit is based does not affect the validity of any other statutory or regulatory basis for that condition. (40 C.F.R. § 124.16(a)).

I.D DEFINITIONS

The terms used in this permit will have the same meaning as in 40 C.F.R. Parts 124, 260 through 266, 268 and 270, unless this permit specifically provides otherwise. Where neither the regulations nor the permit define a term, the term's definition will be the

standard dictionary definition or its generally accepted scientific or industrial meaning.

I.E DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS

I.E.1 Duty to Comply

You must comply with all conditions of this permit, except to the extent and for the duration for which an emergency permit authorizes such noncompliance (40 C.F.R. § 270.61). Any permit noncompliance, except under the terms of an emergency permit, constitutes a violation of RCRA and will be grounds for: enforcement action; permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or denial of a permit renewal application. (40 C.F.R. § 270.30(a)).

I.E.2 Duty to Reapply

If you wish to continue an activity this permit regulates after its expiration date, you must apply for and obtain a new permit. You must submit a complete application for a new permit at least 180 calendar days before the permit expires, unless the Director grants permission for a later date. The Director will not grant permission to submit the complete application for a new permit later than the permit's expiration date. (40 C.F.R. §§ 270.10(h) and 270.30(b)).

I.E.3 Permit Expiration

Unless revoked or terminated, this permit and all conditions herein will be effective until 10 years from the effective date of the final permit. This permit and all conditions herein will remain in effect beyond the permit's expiration date if you have submitted a timely, complete application (40 C.F.R. § 270.10 and §§ 270.13 through 270.29), and, through no fault of your own, the Director has not made a final determination regarding permit reissuance. (40 C.F.R. §§ 270.50 and 270.51).

I.E.4 Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense

In an enforcement action, you are not entitled to a defense that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity to maintain compliance with this permit. (40 C.F.R. § 270.30(c)).

I.E.5 Duty to Mitigate

In the event of noncompliance with this permit, you must take all reasonable steps to minimize releases to the environment resulting from the noncompliance and must

implement all reasonable measures to prevent significant adverse impacts on human health or the environment. (40 C.F.R. § 270.30(d)).

I.E.6 Proper Operation and Maintenance

You must always properly operate and maintain all facilities and treatment and control systems (and related appurtenances) that you install or use to comply with this permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance/quality control procedures. This provision requires you to operate back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems only when necessary to comply with this permit. (40 C.F.R. § 270.30(e)).

I.E.7 Duty to Provide Information

You must provide the Director, within a reasonable time, any relevant information that the Director requests to determine whether there is cause to modify, revoke and reissue, or terminate this permit, or to determine permit compliance. You must also provide the Director, upon request, with copies of any records this permit requires. The information you must maintain under this permit is not subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501 *et seq.* (40 C.F.R. §§ 264.74(a) and 270.30(h)).

I.E.8 Inspection and Entry

Upon the presentation of credentials and other legally required documents, you must allow the Director or an authorized representative to:

I.E.8.a Enter at reasonable times upon your premises where a regulated activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;

I.E.8.b Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that you must keep under the conditions of this permit;

I.E.8.c Inspect, at reasonable times, any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and

I.E.8.d Sample or monitor any substances at any location at reasonable times, to assure permit compliance or as RCRA otherwise authorizes.

Notwithstanding any provision of this permit, EPA retains the inspection and access authority which it has under RCRA and other applicable laws. (40 C.F.R. § 270.30(i)).

I.E.9 Monitoring and Records

I.E.9.a Samples and measurements you take for monitoring purposes must be representative of the monitored activity. The methods you use to obtain a representative sample of the feed streams, treatment residues, or other hazardous wastes to be analyzed must be the appropriate methods from Appendix I of 40 C.F.R. Part 261, or the methods specified in the "Waste Characteristics" section of your facility RCRA Part B permit application ("Application") (Section C of the Application), or an equivalent method approved by the Director. Laboratory methods you employ or use must be those specified in *Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste: Physical/Chemical Methods* (SW-846, latest edition), *Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes* (EPA 600/4-79-020), or an equivalent method, as specified in the referenced Waste Characteristics. (40 C.F.R. § 270.30(j)(1)).

I.E.9.b You must retain, at the facility, all records as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.74.

I.E.9.c You must submit all monitoring results at the intervals specified in this permit.

I.E.9.d You must retain all reports, records, or other documents, required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least 3 years from the date of the reports, records, or other documents, unless a different period is specified in this permit. The 3-year period may be extended by request of the Director at any time and is automatically extended during the course of any unresolved enforcement action regarding this facility. (40 C.F.R. §§ 270.30(j) and 270.31).

I.E.10 Reporting Planned Changes

You must notify the Director as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. (40 C.F.R. § 270.30(l)(1)).

I.E.11 Reporting Anticipated Noncompliance

You must notify the Director, in advance, of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity that may result in permit noncompliance. Advance notice will not

constitute a defense for any noncompliance. (40 C.F.R. § 270.30(l)(2)).

I.E.12 Certification of Construction

You must not operate any RCRA air emission control devices completed after the effective date of this permit until you have submitted to the Director, by certified mail or hand-delivery, a letter signed both by your authorized representative and by a registered professional engineer, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 270.30(l)(2)(i). That letter must state that the portions of the facility covered by this permit have been constructed in compliance with the applicable conditions of this permit. In addition, you must not operate the permitted control devices until either:

I.E.12.a The Director or his/her representative has inspected those portions of the facility and finds them in compliance with the conditions of the permit; or

I.E.12.b Within 15 calendar days of the date of submission of the Certification of Construction letter referenced in Section I.E.12 of this permit, the Permittee has not received notice from the Director of his or her intent to inspect, prior inspection is waived and the Permittee may commence treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 270.30(l)(2)(ii)(B).

I.E.13 Transfer of Permits

This permit is not transferable to any person, except after notice to and approval of the Director. You must inform the Director in writing and obtain prior written approval of the Director before transferring ownership or operational control of the facility. (40 C.F.R. § 270.42, Appendix I). Under 40 C.F.R. § 270.40, the Director may require permit modification, or revocation and reissuance to change the name of the Permittee and incorporate other RCRA requirements. Before transferring ownership or operation of the facility during its operating life, you must notify the Director and obtain prior approval, and notify the new owner or operator in writing of the requirements of 40 C.F.R. Parts 264, 268, and 270, and you must provide a copy of the RCRA permit to the new owner or operator. (40 C.F.R. §§ 264.12(c), 270.30(l)(3), and 270.40(a)).

I.E.14 Twenty-Four Hour Reporting

I.E.14.a You must report to the Director any noncompliance with this permit that may endanger human health or the environment. Any such information must be promptly reported orally, but no later than 24 hours after you become aware of the circumstances.

I.E.14.b The report must include the following: (1) Information concerning release of any hazardous waste that may endanger public drinking water supplies; (2) Information of a release or discharge of hazardous waste; or (3) Information of a fire or explosion from the hazardous waste management facility, which could threaten the environment or human health outside the facility. You must include the following information:

- (1) Name, title and telephone number of the person making the report;
- (2) Name, address and telephone number of the facility owner or operator;
- (3) Facility name, address and telephone number;
- (4) Date, time and type of incident;
- (5) Location and cause of incident;
- (6) Identification and quantity of material(s) involved;
- (7) Extent of injuries, if any;
- (8) Assessment of actual or potential hazards to the environment and human health outside the facility, where applicable;
- (9) Description of any emergency action taken to minimize the threat to human health and the environment; and
- (10) Estimated quantity and disposition of recovered material that resulted from the incident.

(40 C.F.R. § 270.30(l)(6)).

I.E.14.c In addition to the oral notification required under Sections I.E.14.a and I.E.14.b of this permit, a written report must also be provided within 5 calendar days after you become aware of the circumstances. The written report must include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) Name, address and telephone number of the person reporting;

- (2) Incident description (noncompliance and/or release or discharge of hazardous waste), including cause, location, extent of injuries, if any, and an assessment of actual or potential hazards to the environment and human health outside the facility, where applicable;
- (3) Period(s) in which the incident (noncompliance and/or release or discharge of hazardous waste) occurred, including exact dates and times;
- (4) Whether the incident's results continue to threaten human health and the environment, which will depend on whether the noncompliance has been corrected and/or the release or discharge of hazardous waste has been adequately cleaned up; and
- (5) If the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated period for which it is expected to continue and the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent the recurrence of the noncompliance.

The Director may waive the requirement that written notice be provided within 5 calendar days; however, you will then be required to submit a written report within 15 calendar days of the day on which you must provide oral notice, in accordance with Sections I.E.14.a and I.E.14.b of this permit. (40 C.F.R. §§ 270.30(1)(6) and 270.30(h)).

I.E.15 Other Noncompliance

You must report all instances of noncompliance not reported under Section I.E.14 of this permit, when any other reports this permit requires are submitted. The reports must contain the information listed in Section I.E.14 of this permit. (40 C.F.R. § 270.30(l)(10)).

I.E.16 Other Information

I.E.16.a Whenever you become aware that you failed to submit or otherwise

omitted any relevant facts in the Application or other submittal, or submitted incorrect information in the Application or other submittal, you must promptly notify the Director of any incorrect information or previously omitted information, submit the correct facts or information, and explain in writing the circumstances of the incomplete or inaccurate submittal. (40 C.F.R. §§ 270.30(l)(11) and 270.30(h)).

I.E.16.b All other requirements contained in 40 C.F.R. § 270.30 not specifically described in this permit are incorporated into this permit and you must comply with all those requirements.

I.F SIGNATORY REQUIREMENT

You must sign and certify all applications, reports, or information this permit requires, or which are otherwise submitted to the Director, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 270.11. (40 C.F.R. § 270.30(k)).

I.G REPORTS, NOTIFICATIONS AND SUBMITTALS TO THE DIRECTOR

Except as otherwise specified in this permit, all reports, notifications, or other submittals that this permit requires to be sent or given to the Director should be sent by certified mail or express mail, or hand-delivered to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5, RCRA Branch, at the following address:

RCRA Branch, LR-17J
Land and Chemicals Division
U.S. EPA Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Vickery Response – the facility requests the ability to submit reports, notification or other submittals electronically in addition to the means listed above. Electronic submissions are more timely than mailed submissions and also support paperwork reduction initiatives.

I.H CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B, you may claim any information this permit requires, or otherwise submitted to the Director, as confidential. You must assert any such claim at the time of submittal in the manner prescribed on the application form or instructions or, in the case of other submittals, by stamping the words “Confidential Business Information” on each page containing such information. If you made no claim

at the time of submittal, the Director may make the information available to the public without further notice. If you assert a claim, the information will be treated in accordance with the procedures in 40 C.F.R. Part 2. (40 C.F.R. § 270.12). You have the burden of substantiating that the claimed information is confidential, and U.S. EPA may request further information from you regarding such claim, and may reasonably determine which such information to treat as confidential.

I.I DOCUMENTS TO BE MAINTAINED AT THE FACILITY

You must maintain at the facility, until closure is completed and certified by an independent registered professional engineer, the following documents and all amendments, revisions, and modifications to them.

Vickery Response – the facility maintains records on-site and uses an off-site secure storage location. The facility requests the ability to also use an off-site secure storage location for the maintenance of records. When needed, records are easily returned to the site from the secure off-site storage location.

I.I.1 Operating Record

You must maintain in the facility's operating record the documents required by this permit, and by the applicable portions of 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.13, 264.73, 264.1064, 264.1084, 264.1088, and 264.1089.

I.I.2 Notifications

You must maintain notifications from generators that are required by 40 C.F.R. § 268.7 to accompany an incoming shipment of hazardous wastes subject to 40 C.F.R. Part 268, Subpart C, that specify treatment standards, as required by 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.73, 268.7, and this permit.

Vickery Response – The facility is having a hard time understanding this requirement. The condition requests the facility to maintain LDR notifications from generators until closure despite the fact that the deepwells at Vickery are LDR exempt. Additionally, 40 CFR Part 268 Subpart C are waste specific prohibitions where the requirements are not applicable if an exemption has been granted. Please provide clarification on what is required or remove condition.

I.I.3 Copy of Permit

You must keep a copy of this permit on the facility site, including all of the documents listed in any attachments, and you must update it as necessary to incorporate any official permit modifications.

I.J ATTACHMENTS AND DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

I.J.1 All attachments and documents that this permit requires to be submitted, if any, including all plans and schedules are, upon the Director's approval, incorporated into this permit by reference and become an enforceable part of this permit. Since required items are essential elements of this permit, failure to submit any of the required items or submission of inadequate or insufficient information may subject you to enforcement action under Section 3008 of RCRA. This may include fines, or permit suspension or revocation.

I.J.2 This permit also includes the documents attached hereto, all documents cross-referenced in these documents, and the applicable regulations contained in 40 C.F.R. Parts 124, 260, 261, 262, 264, 266, 268, and 270, and applicable provisions of RCRA, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

I.J.3 Any inconsistency or deviation from the approved designs, plans and schedules is a permit noncompliance. The Director may grant written requests for extensions of due dates for submittals required in this permit.

I.J.4 If the Director determines that actions beyond those provided for, or changes to what is stated herein, are warranted, the Director may modify this permit according to procedures in Section I.B of this permit.

I.J.5 If any documents attached to this permit are found to conflict with any of the conditions in this permit, the condition will take precedence.

I.K COORDINATION WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT

You must fully comply with the RCRA requirements contained in this permit. This permit does not include the requirements imposed by the Clean Air Act.

You must not operate at the facility process vents as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1031.

**SECTION II – AIR EMISSION STANDARDS FOR EQUIPMENT LEAKS
(40 C.F.R. PART 264, SUBPART BB)**

II.A EQUIPMENT LEAKS

You must comply with all applicable requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 264 Subpart BB (Subpart BB), regarding air emission standards for equipment leaks. Subpart BB applies to equipment that contains or contacts hazardous waste with organic concentrations of at least 10 percent by weight that are managed in certain units as provided in 40 C.F.R.

§ 264.1050(b). Your Application, however, represents your facility does not have any such equipment which contains or contacts hazardous waste with organic concentrations greater than 10 percent by weight. You must not manage hazardous waste with organic concentrations equal to or greater than 10 percent by weight in any equipment, as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1031. (40 C.F.R. § 264.1050(b)).

You must inform the EPA Region 5 RCRA program, in writing, about any changes to the statement in the Application or any change in any permitting exemption status no later than 30 days prior to any such changes. In the event that Subpart BB applies to any equipment as set forth at 40 C.F.R. § 264.1050(b), it shall be immediately subject to and you must comply with all requirements that apply to that equipment, including but not limited to the applicable requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 264, Subpart BB. In this event, you must also submit to EPA and the State RCRA program a modification request of the appropriate class providing for revision of the State and federal RCRA Permit to apply the applicable 40 C.F.R. Part 264, requirements.

Vickery Response – Condition II.A is a 40 CFR Part 264, Subpart BB requirement. Vickery does not manage hazardous waste with organic concentrations equal to or greater than 10 percent. The facility does not operate units that are required to be regulated by Subpart BB. The facility requests this condition, along with the entire Section II, be removed because it is not applicable.

II.B TEST METHOD AND PROCEDURES

- (1) For each piece of equipment, you must determine whether the equipment contains or contacts a hazardous waste with organic concentration that equals or exceeds 10 percent by weights using the procedures specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1063 (d)(1), (d)(2), or (d)(3), in accordance with the waste analysis plan required by 40 C.F.R. § 264.13(b). As set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1063(g), samples used in determining the percent organic content must be representative of the highest total organic content hazardous waste that is expected to be contained or contact the equipment.
- (2) If you determine that a piece of equipment contains or contacts a hazardous waste with organic concentrations at least by 10 percent by weight, such determination can be revised only after following the procedures specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1063 (d)(1) or (d)(2) as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1063 (e). If there is a disagreement whether a piece of equipment contains or contacts a hazardous waste

with organic concentrations at least 10 percent by weight, then the procedures specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1063 (d)(1) or (d)(2) can be used to resolve such dispute as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1063 (f).

- (3) You must perform a new waste determination whenever changes to the source generating the waste stream are reasonably likely to cause the organic concentration of the hazardous waste which contains or contacts equipment to increase to a level that is equal or greater than 10 percent by weight.

Vickery Response – Condition II.B is a 40 CFR Part 264, Subpart BB requirement. Vickery does not manage hazardous waste with organic concentrations equal to or greater than 10 percent. The facility does not operate units that are required to be regulated by Subpart BB. The facility requests this condition, along with the entire Section II, be removed because it is not applicable.

II.C RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

You must comply with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 264.1064(k).

Vickery Response – Condition II.C is a 40 CFR Part 264, Subpart BB requirement. Vickery does not manage hazardous waste with organic concentrations equal to or greater than 10 percent. The facility does not operate units that are required to be regulated by Subpart BB. The facility requests this condition, along with the entire Section II, be removed because it is not applicable.

SECTION III – AIR EMISSION STANDARDS FOR CONTAINERS, TANKS, AND MISCELLANEOUS UNITS (40 C.F.R. PART 264, SUBPART CC)

You are permitted by the State portion of the permit to store hazardous wastes in 13 existing tanks. Your Application also specifies that 4 tanks are authorized in the Ohio EPA RCRA permit, but have not been constructed. If constructed, these tanks will be subject to 40 C.F.R. Part 264, Subpart CC and must comply with all applicable requirements. Prior to managing hazardous waste in these to-be-constructed tanks, the Permittee must submit a request to the U.S. EPA to modify this permit pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 270.42 to add these tanks to this permit and receive approval for the modification request from the U.S. EPA. The existing tanks, and the to-be-constructed tanks, are specified in the following chart:

Existing Tanks	To-Be-Constructed Tanks
4 tanks (T-1, T-2, T-5, and T-6): Each 200,000 gallons	1 tank (T-94): 500 gallons
2 tanks (T-9 and T-10): Each 100,000 gallons	3 tanks (T-800, T-400, and T-600):
4 tanks (T-22, T-23, T-24, and T-	Each 11,750 gallons

25): Each 6,000 gallons	
2 tanks (T-500 and T-300): Each 11,750 gallons	
1 tank (Lab Waste Tank): 2,500 gallons	

The Application states that tanks T-22, T-23, T-24, and T-25 (each 6,000 gallons) contain an average volatile organic (VO) concentration at the point of waste origination of less than 500 parts per million by weight (ppmw).

Vickery Response – the sentence directly above is redundant because it states the same information contained in Condition III.B. The facility requests the removal of the redundant text.

III.A LESS-THAN 90-DAY CONTAINERS

The Permittee's Part B Application states that the hazardous waste stored in containers at the facility will be managed in a less-than 90-day area as a large quantity generator and will not be a permitted unit. The typical containers used by the facility for accumulation and shipment are 55-gallon drums and roll-off boxes. Based on your representations, this permit does not address, cover, or authorize those activities or units. Activities and units covered by an exemption from RCRA permitting, such as the large quantity generator exemption at the authorized State regulation at 35 Ohio Admin. Code § 3745-52-34 and 40 C.F.R. § 262.34 (which, among other things, imposes conditions addressing air emission standards for tanks and containers at 40 C.F.R. Part 265 subpart CC), must meet all conditions and/or requirements for the exemption as set forth in the provisions that govern any exemption from RCRA permitting to operate without a permit or meeting the conditions that apply to permitted facilities. As discussed at I.A. above, any hazardous waste activity that requires a RCRA permit and is not authorized is prohibited.

You must inform the EPA Region 5 RCRA program, in writing, about any changes to the statement in the Application or any change in any permitting exemption status no later than 30 days prior to any such changes. In the event that any activity or unit does not meet the conditions and/or requirements for an exemption from permitting, it shall be immediately subject to and you must comply with all requirements that apply to facilities that must obtain a RCRA permit, including but not limited to the applicable requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 264, Subpart CC. In this event, you must also submit to EPA and the State RCRA program a modification request of the appropriate class providing for revision of the State and federal RCRA Permit to apply the applicable 40 C.F.R. Part 264, requirements.

III.B MAXIMUM VOLATILE ORGANIC CONCENTRATION FOR TANKS T-22, T-23, T-24, AND T-25

The Permittee's Part B Application states that the hazardous waste stored in tanks T-22, T-23, T-24, and T-25 at the facility contains an average volatile organic (VO) concentration at the point of waste origination of less than 500 ppmw.

40 C.F.R. § 264.1082(c)(1), in pertinent part, provides:

(c) A tank, surface impoundment, or container is exempt from standards specified in § 264.1084 through § 264.1087 of this subpart, as applicable, provided that the waste management unit is one of the following:

- (1) A tank, surface impoundment, or container for which all hazardous waste entering the unit has an average VO concentration at the point of waste origination of less than 500 ppmw. The average VO concentration must be determined using the procedures specified in § 264.1083(a) of this subpart. The owner or operator must review and update, as necessary, this determination at least once every 12 months following the date of the initial determination for the hazardous waste streams entering the unit.

Among other requirements, 40 C.F.R. § 264.1083(a) specifies procedures for determining the average VO concentration at the point of waste origination for each hazardous waste placed in a waste management unit exempted under 40 C.F.R. § 264.1082, including the procedures at 40 C.F.R. § 265.1084(a)(2) through (a)(4); discusses the timing of the initial determination; and requires an owner and operator to perform a new waste determination whenever changes to the source generating the waste stream are reasonably likely to cause the average VO concentration of the hazardous waste to increase to a level that is equal to or greater than the applicable VO concentration limits specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1082.

For a unit to be exempt from the requirements of 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.1084 through 264.1087, you must meet all the requirements specified at 40 C.F.R. § 264.1082(c)(1) for that unit, including but not limited to making timely determinations, following the procedures specified at § 264.1083(a), and having an average VO concentration for hazardous waste at the point of waste origination below 500 ppmw.

III.B.1 You are allowed to manage hazardous waste in tanks T-22, T-23, T-24, and T-25 in accordance with the State portion of the RCRA permit. All hazardous waste managed in each of these 4 tanks must contain an average VO concentration at the point of waste origination of less than 500 ppmw. The average VO concentration of a hazardous waste at the point of waste origination must be determined by direct measurement or approved method in accordance with the procedures specified in 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.1083(a) and 265.1084(a)(2) through (a)(4), as specified by 40 C.F.R. § 264.1082(c)(1).

III.B.2 For each hazardous waste placed in these tanks (T-22, T-23, T-24, and T-25), you must review and update, as necessary, at least once every twelve months following the date of the initial determination that the hazardous waste streams entering the unit have an average VO concentration at the point of waste origination of less than 500 ppmw using the procedures specified in 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.1083(a) and 265.1084(a)(2) through (a)(4), as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1082(c)(1).

You must perform a new waste determination whenever changes to the source generating the waste stream are reasonably likely to cause the average VO concentration of the hazardous waste managed in these 4 tanks (T-22, T-23, T-24, and T-25) to increase to a level that is equal or greater than 500 ppmw. You must also review and update, as necessary, determinations under 40 C.F.R. § 264.1082(c)(1) at least once every twelve months following the date of the determination, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 264.1082(c)(1).

III.B.3 You must comply with all applicable recordkeeping and reporting requirements described in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1089 and § 264.1090 for these 4 tanks (T-22, T-23, T-24, and T-25).

III.B.4 For any proposed changes in your Application, which states that the hazardous waste processed in these 4 tanks (T-22, T-23, T-24, and T-25) contains an average VO concentration at the point of waste origination of less than 500 ppmw, you must inform the EPA Region 5 RCRA program, in writing, about the changes no later than 30 calendar days prior to any such changes. In the event that any of these 4 tanks specified in the Application process the hazardous waste with an average VO concentration at the point of waste origination of greater than 500 ppmw, such tank(s) must be subject to and comply with all applicable requirements specified in Section III.C, below, and you must submit a permit modification request providing for the application of 40 C.F.R. Part 264, Subpart CC to those hazardous waste tank(s).

III.C LEVEL 1 TANK REQUIREMENTS

All hazardous waste tanks specified above, except the 4 tanks (T-22, T-23, T-23, and T-24), must comply with the Level 1 tank standards of 40 C.F.R. § 264.1084(c) and the following requirements:

Vickery Response – T-23 is listed twice. The second T-23 needs revised to T-25. The sentence should read:

“...the 4 tanks (T-22, T-23, T-24, and T-25), must...”

III.C.1 The maximum vapor pressure, as determined by 40 C.F.R. § 264.1083(c)(2), must be less than 5.2 kilo-Pascal (kPa) for 6 tanks (T-1, T-2, T-5, T-6, T-9, and T-10). The

maximum vapor pressure, as determined by 40 C.F.R. § 264.1083(c)(2), must be less than 76.6 kPa for 3 tanks (T-500, T-300, and Lab Waste Tank). (40 C.F.R. § 264.1084(b)(1)(i)).

III.C.2 The hazardous waste in the tank must not be heated to a temperature that is greater than the temperature at which the maximum organic vapor pressure is determined under Section III.C.1, above. (40 C.F.R. § 264.1084(b)(1)(ii)).

III.C.3 You must not conduct a waste stabilization process, as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 265.1081, in tanks. (40 C.F.R. § 264.1084(b)(1)(iii)).

III.C.4 You must determine the maximum organic vapor pressure for each hazardous waste placed in a tank in accordance with standards specified in Section III.C.1, above. Whenever changes to the hazardous waste managed in the tank could potentially cause the maximum organic vapor pressure to increase to a level that is equal or greater than the maximum organic vapor pressure limit for the tank design capacity specified in Section III.C.1, above, you must perform a new determination of the maximum organic vapor pressure in the tank in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 264.1083(c)(2). (40 C.F.R. § 264.1084(c)(1)).

III.C.5 Each tank must be equipped with a fixed roof design complying with the following specifications (40 C.F.R. § 264.1084(c)(2)):

- (a) The fixed roof and its closure devices must be designed and constructed to form a continuous barrier over the entire surface area of the hazardous waste in the tank. ~~Gaskets used for closure devices or piping systems must be of suitable materials compatible with the hazardous wastes and must be in accordance with good engineering practices.~~

*Vickery Response – Condition III.C.5 includes additional language not found in 40 CFR 264.1084(c). The additional language is:
“Gaskets used for closure devices or piping systems must be of suitable materials compatible with the hazardous wastes and must be in accordance with good engineering practices.”
The facility requests the removal of the additional language.*

- (b) The fixed roof must be installed in such a manner such that there are no visible cracks, holes, gaps or other open spaces between roof section joints or between the interface of the roof edge and the tank wall.
- (c) Each opening in the fixed roof and any manifold system associated with the fixed roof must be equipped with a closure device designed to operate such that when the closure device is secured in the closed position there are no

visible cracks, holes, gaps, or other open spaces in the closure device or between the perimeter of the opening and the closure device.

- (d) The fixed roof and its closure devices must be made of suitable materials that will minimize exposure of the hazardous waste to the atmosphere, to the extent practical, and will maintain the integrity of the fixed roof and closure devices throughout their intended service life.

III.C.6 Whenever a hazardous waste is in the tank, the fixed roof must be installed with each closure device secured in the closed position except that 1) opening of closure devices or removal of the fixed roof is allowed for the access to the tank for performing routine inspection, maintenance, or other activities needed for normal operations, 2) opening of closure devices or removal of the fixed roof is allowed to remove accumulated sludge or other residues from the bottom of tank, and 3) opening of a spring-loaded pressure-vacuum relief valve, conservation vent, or similar type of pressure relief device which vents to the atmosphere is allowed during normal operations to maintain the tank internal pressure in accordance with the tank design specifications as set for the at 40 C.F.R. § 264.1084(c)(3).

Vickery Response - the underlined text area appears to be a typo.

III.C.7 You must inspect the tanks, repair defects and maintain records of inspections as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1084(c)(4).

III.C.8 You must control the air emissions from the tanks (T-1, T-2, T-5, T-6, T-9, and T-10), in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 264.1084(c)(2)(iii)(B) by venting the tanks through closed vent systems to scrubber unit designed and operated to remove the organic vapors vented to them with an efficiency of 95 percent or greater by weight.

Vickery Response - Condition III.C.8 is not applicable. Condition III.C.5.c already addresses compliance required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c)(2)(iii) with which the facility is already in compliance with.

40 CFR 264.1084(c)(2)(iii) states:

(iii) Each opening in the fixed roof, and any manifold system associated with the fixed roof, shall be either; (VEI emphasis)

(A) Equipped with a closure device designed to operate such that when the closure device is secured in the closed position there are no visible cracks, holes, gaps, or other open spaces in the closure device or between the perimeter of the opening and the closure device; or (VEI emphasis)

(B) Connected by a closed-vent system that is vented to a control device. The control device shall remove or destroy organics in the vent stream, and shall be operating whenever hazardous waste is managed in the tank, except as provided for in paragraphs (c)(2)(iii)(B) (1) and (2) of this section.

The facility complies using 40 CFR 264.1084(c)(2)(iii)(A) because the tanks are equipped with closure devices designed to operate such that when the closure device is secured in the closed position there are no visible cracks, holes, gaps, or other open spaces in the closure device or between the perimeter of the opening and the closure device. The openings in the roof are connected to conservation vents as allowed by 40 CFR 264. The condition is not applicable and the facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.8.a The tanks must be covered by a fixed roof and vented directly through the closed vent system to a control device in accordance with the requirements specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1084(g), (j), (k), and (l).

Vickery Response – Condition III.C.8.a is not applicable. 40 CFR 264.1084(g), (j), (k), and (l) are control requirements for tanks that are required to use Tank Level 2 controls. VEI's tanks meet the requirements for Tank Level 1 controls as required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c) and as outlined in Condition III.C.1 through Condition III.C.7. The requirements specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1084(g), (j), (k), and (l) do not apply and the facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.8.b You must comply with the specification, monitoring, inspection, and repair requirement of the closed-vent system and scrubber unit specified in Section III.C.9, below.

Vickery Response – Condition III.C.9 references 40 CFR 264.1084(g). 40 CFR 264.1084(g) is a control requirement for tanks that are required to use Tank Level 2 controls. VEI's tanks meet the requirements for Tank Level 1 controls as required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c) and as outlined in Condition III.C.1 through Condition III.C.7. Closed-vent systems are not a requirement for tanks controlling emissions using Tank Level 1 controls that are in compliance with 40 CFR 264.1084(c)(2)(iii)(A). Condition III.C.8.a is not applicable and the facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.9 The air emissions from tanks referenced in Section III.C.8, above, must be controlled as required by 40 C.F.R. § 264.1084(g). The emission control must consist of: (1) a closed vent system, including an exhaust fan with a capacity to maintain a negative pressure inside the closed system and (2) a scrubber unit functioning as the control device. The closed vent system and scrubber system must comply with the following requirements:

Vickery Response – 40 CFR 264.1084(g) is a control requirement for tanks that are required to use Tank Level 2 controls. VEI's tanks meet the requirements for Tank Level 1 controls as required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c) and as outlined in Condition III.C.1 through Condition III.C.7. Since the tanks at VEI are following 40 CFR 264.1084(c), the requirements specified in 40 CFR 264.1084(g) do not apply. Condition III.C.9, and sub-Conditions III.C.9.a through sub-Condition III.C.9.i are not applicable because they are Tank Level 2 requirements. The condition is not applicable and the facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.9.a The closed vent system must meet the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 264.1087(b). The closed vent system must route the gases, vapors, and fumes emitted from hazardous waste in the tanks to a scrubber unit that meets the requirements specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1087(c).

Vickery Response - Condition III.C.9.a. is an extension of Condition III.C.9. VEI's tanks meet the requirements for Tank Level 1 controls as required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c) and as outlined in Condition III.C.1 through Condition III.C.7. This control requirement is for tanks that are required to use Tank Level 2 controls. The condition is not applicable, and the facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.9.b The closed vent system must comply with the design and operation requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 264.1033(k).

A closed vent system must meet either of the following design requirements:

(i) each closed vent system must be designed to operate with no detectable emissions, as indicated by an instrument reading of less than 500 ppm by volume above background as determined by the procedure in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1034(b) and by visual inspections; or

(ii) each closed vent system must be designed to operate at a pressure below atmospheric pressure. The system must be equipped with at least one pressure gauge or other pressure measurement device that can be read from a readily accessible location to verify that negative pressure is being maintained in the closed vent system when the control device is operating.

Vickery Response - Condition III.C.9.b. is an extension of Condition III.C.9. VEI's tanks meet the requirements for Tank Level 1 controls as required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c) and as outlined in Condition III.C.1 through Condition III.C.7. This control requirement is for tanks that are required to use Tank Level 2 controls. The condition is not applicable, and the facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.9.c The closed vent system must not include any bypass devices that could be used to divert the gas or vapor stream to the atmosphere before entering the control device, unless equipped with either a flow indicator or a seal or locking device as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1087(b)(3).

Vickery Response - Condition III.C.9.c. is an extension of Condition III.C.9. VEI's tanks meet the requirements for Tank Level 1 controls as required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c) and as outlined in Condition III.C.1 through Condition III.C.7. This control requirement is for tanks that are required to use Tank Level 2 controls. The condition is not applicable, and the facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.9.d You must inspect and monitor each closed vent system as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1033(l). Each closed vent system that is used to comply with III.C.9.b(i) above must be inspected and monitored in accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 264.1033(l)(1). Each closed vent system that is used to comply with III.C.9.b(ii) above must be inspected and monitored in accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 264.1033(l)(2). You must comply with the requirements at 40 C.F.R. § 264.1033(l)(3).

Vickery Response - Condition III.C.9.d. is an extension of Condition III.C.9. VEF's tanks meet the requirements for Tank Level 1 controls as required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c) and as outlined in Condition III.C.1 through Condition III.C.7. This control requirement is for tanks that are required to use Tank Level 2 controls. Additionally, there are no monitoring requirements for tanks using Tank Level 1 controls. The condition is not applicable, and the facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.9.e The scrubber unit must have a minimum removal efficiency of 95 percent by weight in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 264.1087(c)(1)(i). You must demonstrate that the scrubber unit achieves this performance standard as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1087(c)(5). For any disagreement of a demonstration of control device performance using a design analysis, then the results of a performance test performed by the facility in accordance with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 264.1087(c)(5)(iii) must be utilized to resolve the disagreement as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1087(c)(6).

Vickery Response - Condition III.C.9.e. is an extension of Condition III.C.9. VEF's tanks meet the requirements for Tank Level 1 controls as required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c) and as outlined in Condition III.C.1 through Condition III.C.7. This control requirement is for tanks that are required to use Tank Level 2 controls. Additionally, there are no performance standards specified for tanks using Tank Level 1 controls in compliance with 40 CFR 264.1084(c)(2)(iii)(A). The condition is not applicable, and the facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.9.f You must comply with the requirements specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1087(c)(2)(i). The planned routine maintenance of the scrubber, during which the 95 percent removal efficiency does not meet the specifications in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1087(c)(1)(i), must not exceed 240 hours per year. (40 C.F.R. § 264.1087(c)(2)(i))

Vickery Response - Condition III.C.9.f. is an extension of Condition III.C.9. VEF's tanks meet the requirements for Tank Level 1 controls as required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c) and as outlined in Condition III.C.1 through Condition III.C.7. This control requirement is for tanks that are

required to use Tank Level 2 controls. The condition is not applicable, and the facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.9.g You must comply with the requirements specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1087(c)(2)(ii) through (c)(2)(vi), including requirements concerning the planned routine maintenance, control system device malfunction, record keeping, correction of device system malfunction, venting restrictions, and other operating requirements.

Vickery Response - Condition III.C.9.g. is an extension of Condition III.C.9. VEI's tanks meet the requirements for Tank Level 1 controls as required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c) and as outlined in Condition III.C.1 through Condition III.C.7. This control requirement is for tanks that are required to use Tank Level 2 controls. The condition is not applicable, and the facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.9.h You must inspect and monitor the air emission control device scrubber unit, in accordance with the procedures and requirements specified in 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.1084(g)(3) and 264.1087(c)(7).

Vickery Response - Condition III.C.9.h. is an extension of Condition III.C.9. VEI's tanks meet the requirements for Tank Level 1 controls as required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c) and as outlined in Condition III.C.1 through Condition III.C.7. This control requirement is for tanks that are required to use Tank Level 2 controls. The condition is not applicable, and the facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.9.i You must operate a backup scrubber recirculation pump in case the primary pump is inactive. You must also operate backup scrubber blower in case the primary blower is offline.

Vickery Response - Condition III.C.9.i. is an extension of Condition III.C.9. VEI's tanks meet the requirements for Tank Level 1 controls as required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c) and as outlined in Condition III.C.1 through Condition III.C.7. This control requirement is for tanks that are required to use Tank Level 2 controls. The condition is not applicable, and the facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.10 Closed vent systems and control devices used to comply with this permit must be operated at all times when emissions may be vented to them.
(40 C.F.R. § 264.1033(m))

Vickery Response - Condition III.C.10 is a continuation of conditions referring back to 40 CFR 264.1084(g); a control requirement for tanks that are required to use Tank Level 2 controls. Closed-vent systems are not a requirement for tanks controlling emissions using Tank Level 1 controls in compliance with 40 CFR 264.1084(c)(2)(iii)(A). The facility controls emissions from tanks that are already equipped with a closure device designed to operate such that when the

closure device is secured in the closed position there are no visible cracks, holes, gaps, or other open spaces in the closure device or between the perimeter of the opening and the closure device in compliance with 40 CFR 264.1084(c)(2)(iii)(A). Making Condition C.10 not applicable. The facility requests this condition be removed.

III.C.11 You must process a Class 1 permit modification and obtain approval from the Director if you plan to operate or to modify the tank systems to comply with Level 2 standards.

III.D MISCELLANEOUS UNITS REQUIREMENTS

According to your Application, your facility operates 7 types of miscellaneous units which process hazardous waste. These miscellaneous units are: 1) 4 Basket Strainer units, 2) 2 Bag Filter units, 3) 1 Filter Press unit, 4) 4 Primary Cartridge Filter units, 5) 4 Secondary Cartridge Filter units, 6) 5 Bypass Cartridge Filter units, and 7) 1 Thief Pole Rinsing unit. These 7 types of units are considered as "miscellaneous units" defined in 40 C.F.R. Part 264, Subpart X. The miscellaneous units are subject to and must comply with the requirements set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 264, Subpart CC. (40 C.F.R. § 264.601).

III.D.1 You must operate the 4 Basket Strainer, 2 Bag Filter, 4 Primary Cartridge Filter, 4 Secondary Cartridge Filter, and 5 Bypass Cartridge Filter units in a closed system. While in operation, there must be no openings in these units to emit vapors into the atmosphere. You must comply with the following specifications:

- (a) The closure devices must be designed and constructed to form a continuous barrier over the entire surface area of the unit.
- (b) The units must be designed to operate such that when the closure device is secured in the closed position there are no visible cracks, holes, gaps, or other open spaces.
- (c) The unit must be made of suitable materials that will minimize exposure of the hazardous waste to the atmosphere, to the extent practical, and will maintain the integrity of the closure devices throughout their intended service life.
- (d) Whenever a hazardous waste is in the unit, all openings must be securely closed to prevent releases of vapors into the atmosphere, except for routine inspections, maintenance, and other approved activities.
- (e) You must inspect these miscellaneous units at least once per year, or retest the units to ascertain that the air emissions from these units comply with the design and with the requirements specified in 40 C.F.R.

§ 264.1084(c)(4).

- (f) You are allowed to open these units during the maintenance, cleaning, and/or inspection. You must not operate these units during the maintenance, cleaning, and/or inspection, and when the maintenance, cleaning, and/or inspection is completed, the units' closure devices must be promptly secured in the closed position and the operations must be resumed.

Vickery Response – The facilities Filter Press Unit should be included in the list of units.

III.D.2 The Thief Pole Rinsing unit includes an open-top container which contains residual of the poles from sampling of the hazardous waste in the tanks. You must control organic air emissions from the Thief Pole Rinsing unit. For the storage of the residual hazardous waste from the poles and its rinsing water waste in the top-opened container unit, you must prepare a procedure to control organic air emissions from this unit.

Vickery Response – The facility will be submitting a Class 1 Permit modification dated 11/30/2018 to Ohio EPA for changes made to the thief pole rinsing unit that holds thief poles used for sampling waste receipts. The new thief pole container has a design capacity less than or equal to 0.1m³ (26.4 gallons), making the new thief pole container exempt from Subpart CC requirements.

The new thief pole dimensions are 6" diameter by 97 inches high, making the design capacity of the container 0.045m³ (11.9 gallons). VEI will email a copy of the permit modification to US EPA for proof of the change once the modification has been submitted to Ohio EPA.

III.D.3 You must operate the Filter press (FP) to comply with the following specifications:

- (a) You must operate FP unit in accordance with requirements specified in Section III.D.1, above.

Vickery Response – the requirements specified in Condition III.D.1 above are Tank Level 1 Controls. The facility agrees that the filter press should operate in accordance with those requirements. The Filter Press (FP) unit should be added to the list of units listed in Condition III.D.1.

- (b) You must prepare and equip the necessary Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), including Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), for the workers who station in the FP area, to manually remove the solid cakes from the FP unit, to comply with the appropriate Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations.

Vickery Response - VEI has performed a review of the applicable RCRA standards and cannot identify any requirement that requires a determination of compliance with 29 CFR regulations. This request is outside the scope and authority of 40 CFR. The facility requests this condition be removed.

- (c) You must conduct an air purging process (i.e., blow-down process) in the FP unit, before opening the FP unit for each removal activity of the solid cakes, using an air compressor. The purging process must be conducted at least 20 minutes for each blow-down in order to remove potential volatile organic compounds contained in the solid cakes in the FP unit. The blow-down process must utilize an air compressor which has a design capacity of minimum 215 actual cubic feet per minute (ACFM). The purged volatile organic compounds from the solid cakes in the FP must be routed through the closed-vent system and to the scrubber for control in accordance with Section III.C.9. You must record the purging power (such as purging time and compressor capacity) data during each purging process and retain such recorded data at the facility.

Vickery Response – This condition is above and beyond the requirement at 40 CFR 264.1084(c) as summarized in Condition III.D.1. Additionally, the Condition at Section III.C.9 references 40 CFR 264.1084(g) which is a control requirement for tanks that are required to use Tank Level 2 controls. Again, VEI's tanks meet the requirements for Tank Level 1 controls as required by 40 CFR 264.1084(c), which is recognized in Condition III.C.1 through Condition III.C.7 and Condition III.D.1. The 20 minute blow down (purging) the site performs and the 215 acfm were provided to US EPA so they had a better understanding of our process. These values are approximate values. There are no performance standards for Tank Level 1 controls nor are there monitoring requirements. The facility requests this condition be removed.

- (d) You must cover the roll-off box while not receiving the solid cakes from the FP unit. You must inspect the cover material (i.e., tarp) for any holes or any other potential release.
- (e) You must install a vapor and gas monitoring device (such as a photoionization detector (PID), a flame ionization detector (FID), or other similar unit) in the FP area to continuously monitor volatile organic compounds in the air emitted from the FP during cake removal activities. You must set the alarm on the monitoring device to the appropriate level to protect the worker safety and to record the volatile organic emissions from the FP unit.

Vickery Response – VEI has performed a review of the applicable RCRA standards and cannot identify any requirement that requires a determination of compliance with 29 CFR regulations or authority to require such a device to determine compliance with 29 CFR regulations. VEI did provide US EPA information with respect to industrial hygiene monitoring that demonstrated no

OSHA PEL's were exceeded, thus workers are protected.

Additionally, the requirements of 40 CFR Part 264.1084(c)(3)(i)(A) and (B) (Condition III.C.6 in this draft permit) allow the opening of the filter press for performing routine inspection, maintenance, or other activities needed for normal operations and to remove accumulated residue. The removal of the filter cake is an activity designed to remove accumulated residue. The regulations do not require VOC's to be monitored during those periods of time.

Also, there are no performance standards for Tank Level 1 controls nor are there monitoring requirements specified at 40 CFR 264.1084(c) as summarized in Condition III.D.1. The facility requests this condition be removed.

III.E RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

III.E.1 For tanks and miscellaneous units, you must comply with all applicable recordkeeping and reporting requirements described in 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.1089 and 264.1090.

III.E.2 You must prepare and maintain records for miscellaneous units in the same manner as required for tanks under 40 C.F.R. § 264.1089, including but not limited to 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.1089(a), (b)(1) and (2)(iv). You must prepare and maintain records for the vent system and the scrubber unit in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1089, including 40 C.F.R. §§ 264.1089(a), (b)(2)(iv), and (e).

Vickery Response – 40 CFR 264.1089 (b)(2)(iv) and (e) are record keeping requirements related to tanks controlling emission using Tank Level 2 controls. The applicable recordkeeping requirements are found at 40 CFR 264.1089(b)(1) and (b)(2)(i) for tanks and miscellaneous units controlling emission using Tank Level 1 Controls. These requirements are not applicable. The facility requests this condition be removed.

III.E.3 You must comply with all reporting requirements for the scrubber under 40 C.F.R. § 264.1090(c) and (d). Such reports must be sent to EPA (at the address specified in Section I.G, above). You must also report to EPA (at the address specified in Section I.G, above) each occurrence when hazardous waste is managed in tanks or miscellaneous units in noncompliance with the conditions specified in Sections III.C and III.D of this permit, in the manner specified in 40 C.F.R. § 264.1090(b).

Vickery Response – The facility complies using 40 CFR 264.1084(c)(2)(iii)(A) because the tanks are equipped with closure devices designed to operate such that when the closure device is secured in the closed position there are no visible cracks, holes, gaps, or other open spaces in the closure device or between the perimeter of the opening and the closure device. The openings in the roof are connected to conservation vents as allowed by 40 CFR 264.1090(c) and (d) do not apply. The facility requests that part of the condition be removed.