



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

JUL 01 2008

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

AE-17J

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

R. Walter Hammond, Jr., President  
West Side Metals Corp.  
6400 Stock Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

Dear Mr. Hammond:

This is to advise you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has determined that West Side Metal Corp.'s (WSMC) facility at 6400 Stock Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio (facility) is in violation of the Clean Air Act (CAA). A list of the requirements violated is provided below. We are today issuing to you a Finding of Violation (FOV) for these violations.

In accordance with Section 608 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7671g, EPA promulgated regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F, applicable to recycling and emissions reductions of ozone-depleting substances. Persons who take the final step in the disposal process (including but not limited to scrap recyclers and landfill operators) of a small appliance, room air conditioner, Motor Vehicle Air Conditioner (MVAC), or MVAC-like appliance are required to:

- 1) Recover any remaining refrigerant from the appliance, or
- 2) Verify, through signed statements, that the refrigerant has been evacuated from the appliance or shipment of appliances previously. These verifications must provide a signed statement from the person from whom the appliance or shipment of appliances is obtained, that all refrigerant that had not leaked previously has been recovered from the appliances or shipment of appliances. This statement must include the name and address of the person who recovered the refrigerant and the date the refrigerant was recovered or a contract that refrigerant will be removed prior to delivery. 40 C.F.R. § 82.156(f).
- 3) In addition, the signed statements obtained must be maintained on-site by the entities that dispose of appliances for a minimum of three years.

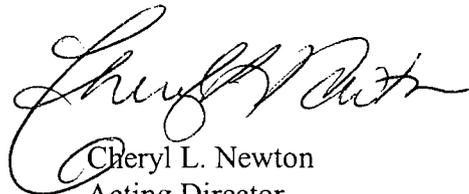
EPA finds that the WSMC facility has violated the above listed regulations from 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F.

Section 113 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §7413, gives us several enforcement options to resolve these violations, including: issuing an administrative compliance order, issuing an administrative penalty order, bringing a judicial civil action, and bringing a judicial criminal action.

We are offering you the opportunity to request a conference with us about the violations alleged in the FOV. A conference should be requested within 10 days following receipt of this notice and should be held within 30 days following receipt of this notice. This conference will provide you a chance to present information on the identified violations, any efforts you have taken to comply, and the steps you will take to prevent future violations. Please plan for your facility's technical and management personnel to take part in these discussions. You may have an attorney represent and accompany you at this conference.

The EPA contact in this matter is Charmagne Ackerman. You may call her at (312) 886-0448 if you wish to request a conference. EPA hopes that this FOV will encourage WSMC's compliance with the requirements of the CAA.

Sincerely,



Cheryl L. Newton  
Acting Director  
Air and Radiation Division

Enclosure

cc: Robert Hodanbosi, Chief  
Division of Air Pollution Control  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Dennis Bush, Supervisor  
Northeast District Office  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency



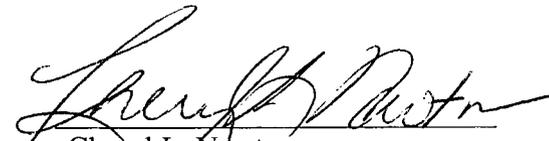
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- c. In addition, the signed statements obtained pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 82.156(f)(2) must be maintained on-site by the entities that dispose of appliances for a minimum of three years. 40 C.F.R. §§ 82.166(i) and (m).
2. During EPA's April 8, 2008, inspection, WSMC stated that the facility receives at least one refrigerant-containing appliance per day.
3. At the time of inspection, WSMC stated that it does not recover refrigerant from appliances that are brought to the facility.
4. After reviewing WSMC's Section 114 Information Request response, received June 10, 2008, EPA has determined that WSMC does not require verification statements attesting that the refrigerant has been evacuated and recovered prior to delivery of the appliance(s) to WSMC.

#### **Environmental Impact of Violations**

Violations of the standards for ozone-depleting substances lead to an increase in the depletion of stratospheric ozone ("the ozone layer"). The ozone layer protects humans as well as many plants and animals by filtering harmful ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

7/1/08  
Date

  
Cheryl L. Newton  
Acting Director  
Air and Radiation Division

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I, Loretta Shaffer, certify that I sent a Finding of Violation, No. EPA-5-08-OH-22, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to:

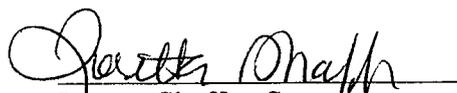
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I also certify that I sent copies of the Finding of Violation by first class mail to:

Robert Hodanbosi, Chief  
Division of Air Pollution Control  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Lazarus Government Center  
P.O. Box 1049  
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Dennis Bush, Supervisor  
Northeast District Office  
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
2110 East Aurora Road  
Twinsburg, Ohio 44087

on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2008

  
Loretta Shaffer, Secretary  
AECAS (MN/OH)

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