

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	
Precision Plating Company)	FINDING OF VIOLATION
918 Hazel Street)	
Akron, Ohio 44305)	EPA-5-00-OH-08
)	
Proceedings Pursuant to)	
the Clean Air Act,)	
42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 <u>et seq.</u>)	
_____)	

Finding of Violation

The United States Environmental Protection Agency finds that Precision Plating Company is violating Section 112 of the Clean Air Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 7412. Specifically, Precision Plating Company is violating the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Chromium Emissions from Hard and Decorative Electroplating and Chromium Anodizing Tanks at 40 C.F.R. Part 63, Subpart N, §§ 63.340-63.347, as follows:

Regulatory Authority

1. The NESHAP for chrome plating applies to each chromium electroplating or chromium anodizing tank at facilities performing hard chromium electroplating, decorative chromium electroplating, or chromium anodizing.
2. The NESHAP at 40 C.F.R. § 63.343(b)(1) requires an owner or operator of an affected source to conduct an initial performance test using the procedures and methods listed in 40 C.F.R. § 63.7 and 40 C.F.R. § 63.344.
3. The NESHAP at 40 C.F.R. § 63.7(a)(2)(iii) requires the owner or operator of an affected source to conduct an initial performance test within 180 days after the compliance date for an existing source.

Precision Plating Company Facility

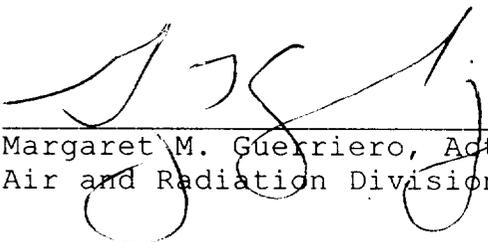
4. Precision Plating Company owns and operates two hard chromium electroplating tanks at its facility at 918 Hazel Street, Akron, Ohio.

5. Precision Plating Company's two hard chromium electroplating tanks are subject to the requirements at 40 C.F.R. §§ 63.340-63.347. Precision Plating was required to comply with these requirements no later than January 25, 1997.

Violations

6. Precision Plating Company's two hard chromium electroplating tanks came on-line in 1955. Therefore, the initial performance tests for each tank should have been conducted no later than July 24, 1997. Precision Plating Company conducted the initial performance test on tank #1 on May 3, 1999. Precision Plating Company conducted the initial performance test for tank #2 on July 19, 1999. Precision Plating Company's failure to conduct an initial performance test within 180 days of the compliance date violates 40 C.F.R. § 63.343(b)(1) and Section 112(i)(3)(A) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(i)(3)(A).

11/21/99
Date


FOR
Margaret M. Guerriero, Acting Director
Air and Radiation Division

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Loretta Shaffer, do hereby certify that a Finding of Violation and Notice of Violation were sent by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to:

Roger Lindway, President
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Akron, Ohio 44305

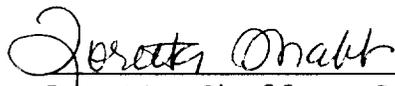
I also certify that copies of the Finding of Violation and Notice of Violation were sent by first class mail to:

Robert Hodanbosi, Chief
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Russ Risley, Air Quality Engineer
Akron Regional Air Quality Management District
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on the 1st day of December, 1999.



Loretta Shaffer, Secretary
AECAS, (MN/OH)

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