



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

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Richard A. Secrist, Jr.
President & CEO
Azcon, Inc.
121 Chessen Lane
Alton, IL 62002

Re: Azcon Metals, Alton, Illinois
Notice of Violation

Dear Mr. Secrist:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is issuing the enclosed Notice of Violation (NOV) to Azcon Metals ("Azcon" or "you") pursuant to Section 113(a)(1) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(1). We find that you are violating the Illinois State Implementation Plan (SIP) at your Alton, Illinois, facility by causing or allowing the emission of fugitive particulate matter to be visible beyond the property line of your emission source.

Section 113 of the Clean Air Act gives EPA several enforcement options. These options include issuing an administrative compliance order, issuing an administrative penalty order, and bringing a judicial civil or criminal action. EPA prefers an administrative compliance order on consent (ACO) by which Azcon may expeditiously resolve the NOV.

Section 113 of the Clean Air Act provides you with an opportunity to confer with EPA regarding the alleged violation. The conference will give you an opportunity to present information on the specific findings of violation, any efforts you have taken to comply, and the steps you will take to prevent future violations including the possibility of entering into an ACO. In addition, in order to make the conference more productive, we encourage you to submit to us information responsive to the NOV prior to the conference date.

Please plan for your facility's technical and management personnel to attend the conference to discuss compliance measures and commitments. You may have an attorney represent you at this conference.

The EPA contact in this matter is Kushal Som. You may call him at (312) 353-5792, if you have any questions regarding the enclosed NOV and if you wish to request a conference to discuss the

NOV. If you wish to request a conference to discuss the NOV, you should make the request of Mr. Som within 30 calendar days following receipt of this letter; we will hold the conference promptly after your request.

Sincerely,


George T. Czerniak
Director
Air and Radiation Division

Enclosures

cc: Eric Jones, Manager
Compliance Unit
Bureau of Air
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62794

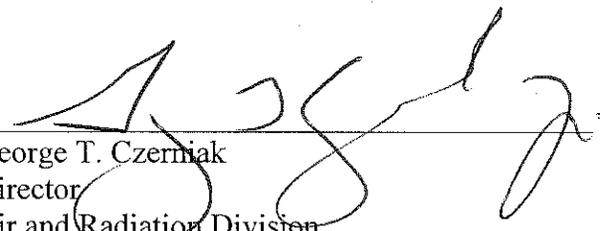
Environmental Impact of Violations

7. These violations have caused or can cause excess emissions of particulate matter, especially fine particulates containing microscopic solids or liquid droplets, which can get deep into the lungs and cause serious health problems. Particulate matter exposure contributes to:

- irritation of the airways, coughing, and difficulty breathing;
- decreased lung function;
- aggravated asthma;
- chronic bronchitis;
- irregular heartbeat;
- nonfatal heart attacks; and
- premature death in people with heart or lung disease.

Date

9/2/15


George T. Czerniak
Director
Air and Radiation Division



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DATE:
SUBJECT: CLEAN AIR ACT INSPECTION REPORT
AZCON Scrap Corporation, Chessen Lane, Alton, IL
FROM: Kushal Som, Environmental Engineer
AECAB (IL/IN)
THRU: Nathan Frank, Section Chief
AECAB (IL/IN)
TO: File

BASIC INFORMATION

Facility Name: AZCON Scrap Corporation

Facility Location: Chessen Lane Box 616, Alton, IL 62002

Date of Inspection: 5/5/2015

Lead Inspector: Kushal Som, Environmental Engineer

Other Attendees:

1. Marta Fuoco, Environmental Scientist

Purpose of Inspection: Off-site Surveillance

Facility Type: Scrap Yard

Regulations Central to Inspection SIP Rule 212.301 states, "[n]o person shall cause or allow the emission of fugitive particulate matter from any process, including any material handling or storage activity that is visible by an observer looking generally toward the zenith at a point beyond the property line of the emission source."

Arrival Time: 10:30 am

Departure Time: 10:45 am

Inspection Type:

- Unannounced Inspection
- Announced Inspection

TOUR INFORMATION

EPA toured the facility: No

Data Collected and Observations:

EPA observed that the IL SIP Rule 212.301 was violated on May 5, 2015 at 10:37 am.



Caption: Overhead View of Facility with Violation Location.

The violation was along the rail tracks at AZCON's property line (the red horizontal line on the picture above). Starting at 10:37 am, EPA's Mr. Som and Ms. Fuoco observed the emission of fugitive particulate matter from the AZCON scrap operation while looking generally toward the zenith at a point beyond the rail line boundary.



Caption: Dust Crossing the Rail Property Line of AZCON on 5/5/2015 at 10:37 am.

After this observation, EPA visited the Pope Animal Hospital at 3300 East Broadway in Alton, Illinois (located approximately 800 feet northeast of where the dust crossed the rail track property line). According to hospital personnel, a residue of dust is found on cars parked in their parking lot on a daily basis.

SIGNATURES

Lead Inspector: _____

Date: _____

Section Chief: _____

Date: _____

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Loretta Shaffer, certify that I sent a Notice of Violation, No. EPA-5-15-IL-13, by

Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to:

Richard A. Secrist, Jr.
President & CEO
Azcon, Inc.
121 Chessen Lane
Alton, IL 62002

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

Eric Jones, Manager
Compliance Unit
Bureau of Air
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62794

On the 3rd day of September 2015.

for Loretta Shaffer
Loretta Shaffer
Program Technician
AECAB, PAS

CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT NUMBER:

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