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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Steven Luper
Lebanon Scrap Metals
790 Cainsville Road
Lebanon, Tennessee 37087

Re: Finding of Violation
Lebanon Scrap Metals
Lebanon, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Luper:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is issuing the enclosed Finding of Violation (FOV) to Lebanon Scrap Metals (you) related to activities at your scrap recycling operation in Lebanon, Tennessee, facility. EPA finds that you have violated the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*, and federal regulations implementing the CAA for the Protection of Stratospheric Ozone, 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F.

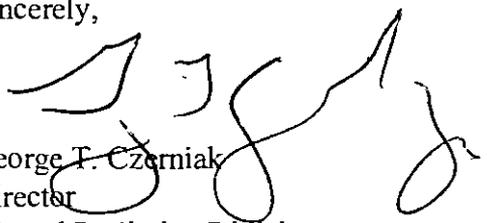
EPA has several enforcement options under Section 113(a)(3) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3). These options include issuing an administrative compliance order, issuing an administrative penalty order, and bringing a civil and/or criminal action in federal court.

We are offering you an opportunity to confer with us, either in person or by telephone, about the violations alleged in the FOV. The conference will give you the opportunity to present information on the specific findings of violation, the efforts you have taken to comply, and the steps you will take to prevent future violations. In addition, in order to make the conference more productive, we encourage you to submit to us information responsive to the FOV prior to the conference date.

The EPA contact in this matter is Katie Owens. You may call her at (312) 886-6097 to request a conference. You should make the request within 10 calendar days following your receipt of this letter.

The conference, should you elect to have one, should be held within 30 calendar days from your receipt of this letter. 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.

Sincerely,



George T. Czerniak
Director
Air and Radiation Division

cc: Charlie Garlow, U.S. EPA, Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance
Beverly Spagg, U.S. EPA, Region 4
Chris Moran, Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation

7. The purpose of the regulations, in part, is to reduce emissions of class I and class II refrigerants and their substitutes to the lowest achievable level during the service, maintenance, repair, and disposal of appliances. 40 C.F.R. § 82.150(a).
8. The Subpart F regulations provide that “disposal” means “the process leading to and including: (1) the discharge, deposit, dumping or placing of any discarded appliance into or on any land or water; (2) the disassembly of any appliance for discharge, deposit, dumping or placing of its discarded component parts into or on any land or water; or (3) the disassembly of any appliance for reuse of its component parts.” 40 C.F.R. § 82.152.
9. The regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 82.156(f), require persons (including scrap recyclers and landfill operators) who take the final step in the disposal process of a small appliance, room air conditioning unit, motor vehicle air conditioner (MVAC), or MVAC-like appliance are required to either:
 - a. Recover any remaining refrigerant from the appliance in accordance with specific procedures described in 40 C.F.R. § 82.156(g) or (h); or
 - b. Verify in accordance with specific procedures, as set forth in the regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 82.156(f)(2) and (3), that the refrigerant has been evacuated from the appliance or shipment of appliances. A compliant verification may be 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)(2). Any signed statements must be maintained on-site for a minimum of three years. 40 C.F.R. §§ 82.166(i) and (m).

Finding of Fact

10. Lebanon owns and/or operates a scrap metal recycling facility at 790 Cainsville Road, Lebanon, Tennessee.
11. For all times pertinent to this Finding of Violation, Lebanon is a “person” as defined by the CAA.
12. At all times pertinent to this Finding of Violation, Lebanon is a person that took the final step in the disposal process of a small appliance, room air conditioning unit, MVAC, or MVAC-like appliance.
13. On May 7, 2014, EPA inspected the facility to assess Lebanon’s compliance with regulations governing the handling of refrigerant under the CAA.
14. During the May 7, 2014, inspection, a Lebanon representative stated that:

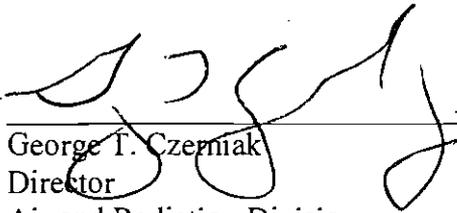
- a. Lebanon accepts vehicles; white goods, including small appliances and room air conditioning units; and appliances components, including motor vehicle air conditioner (MVAC) radiators, compressors and condensers;
 - b. Lebanon receives its materials from peddlers and manufacturing entities;
 - c. Lebanon does not recover refrigerant but does require customers to sign statements to verify refrigerant was properly recovered or previously leaked;
 - d. Lebanon verifies each appliance has cut lines prior to accepting them; and,
 - e. Lebanon sets aside vehicles that have refrigerant, so refrigerant can be recovered at a later time.
15. During the May 7, 2014, inspection, EPA observed:
- a. stacked condensers and a bin of cut copper tubing in Lebanon's warehouse.
 - b. several white goods in Lebanon's main scrap pile. Some of the white goods observed were intact.
 - c. a cage of small appliances, including a refrigerator and room air conditioning unit.
 - d. many wrecked vehicles in Lebanon's yard.
 - e. compressors next to Lebanon's office, one of which had cut lines.
16. The signed statement presented by Lebanon during the May 7, 2014, inspection did not document the name and address of the person who properly recovered refrigerant, the date the refrigerant was properly recovered or the date the small appliances, room air conditioning units or MVACs were sold.

Finding of Violations

17. Lebanon's failure to either recover refrigerant from room air conditioning units, small appliances, and MVACs as described above, or to verify via a signed and properly documented statement that refrigerant had been properly recovered, violates 40 C.F.R § 82.156(f) and therefore violates section 608 of the CAA.

Date

9/15/14


 George T. Czerniak
 Director
 Air and Radiation Division

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Loretta Shaffer, certify that I sent a Finding of Violation, No. EPA-5-14-COE-07, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to:

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Lebanon, Tennessee 37087

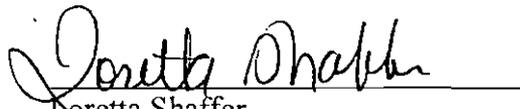
I also certify that I sent copies of the Finding of Violation by first-class mail to:

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Chris Moran, Enforcement Coordinator
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On the 19 day of September 2014.


Loretta Shaffer
Administrative Program Assistant
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