



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5

77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD

CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

MAR 1 2013

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Beth Paule, Secretary
Mark Paule Metal Recycling
1749 Freeburg Avenue
St. Clair County, Illinois 62220

Re: Finding of Violation
Mark Paule Metal Recycling
St. Clair County, Illinois

Dear Ms. Paule:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is issuing the enclosed Finding of Violation (FOV) to Mark Paule Metal Recycling (you). We find that you have violated the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*, specifically the regulations for the Protection of Stratospheric Ozone located at 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F, at your St. Clair County, Illinois facility. EPA promulgated these regulations as required by Section 608 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7671g.

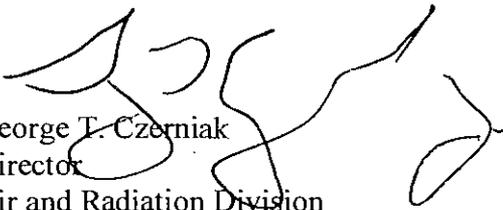
We have several enforcement options under Section 113(a)(3) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3). These options include issuing an administrative compliance order, issuing an administrative penalty order and bringing a judicial civil or criminal action.

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.

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 Katie Owens. You may call her at 312-886-6097 to request a conference. You should make the request within 10 calendar days following receipt of this letter. We should hold any conference within 30 calendar days following receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,


George T. Czerniak
Director
Air and Radiation Division

Enclosure: SBREFA fact sheet

cc: Ray Pilapil, IEPA.

Factual Background

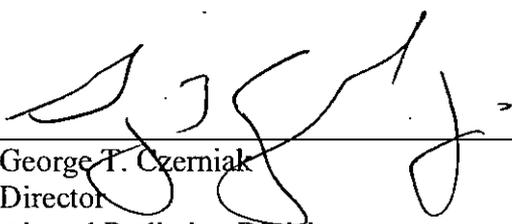
3. MPMR owns and operates a scrap metal recycling facility (the facility) at 1749 Freeburg Avenue, St. Clair County, Illinois.
4. On August 23, 2012, EPA inspected the facility to assess MPMR's compliance with the CAA.
5. During the August 23, 2012 inspection, EPA observed MPMR's property predominately covered with wrecked automobiles. EPA also observed some scrap piles throughout the yard, some of which contained punctured R-22 cylinders.
6. During the August 23, 2012 inspection, MPMR stated that it stopped accepting air conditioners approximately one month prior, and receives approximately 2 cars per week and 3 – 4 refrigerators per week. MPMR stated it removes compressors from refrigeration units.
7. During the August 23, 2012 inspection, MPMR stated it does not recover refrigerant onsite. MPMR did not have verification statements for refrigerant-containing units accepted at this facility.
8. During the August 23, 2012 inspection, MPMR stated it would investigate hiring a company to come onsite to collect refrigerants. MPMR also stated that one of its employees would be certified to recover refrigerant soon.

Finding of Violations

9. For the above reasons, EPA finds that MPMR has violated 40 C.F.R. § 82.156.

Date

3/1/13


George T. Czerniak
Director
Air and Radiation Division

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Elizabeth Rosado

I, Loretta Shaffer, certify that I sent a Finding of Violation, No. EPA-5-13-IL-26, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to:

Beth Paule, Secretary
Mark Paule Metal Recycling
1749 Freeburg Avenue
St. Clair County, Illinois 62220

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

Ray Pilapil, Manager
Bureau of Air
Compliance and Enforcement Section
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62702

On the 4 day of March 2013.

for Elizabeth Rosado
Loretta Shaffer
Administrative Program Assistant
AECAB, PAS

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