



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Monty Greutman
Plant Manager
Bridgestone Firestone North American Tire, LLC
1600 Fort Jesse Road
Normal, Illinois 61761

Re: Finding of Violation
Bridgestone Firestone North American Tire, LLC
Normal, Illinois

Dear Mr. Greutman:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is issuing the enclosed Finding of Violation (FOV) to Bridgestone Firestone North American Tire, LLC ("Bridgestone" or "you") under Section 113(a)(3) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3). We find that you have violated your Title V Operating Permit at your Normal, Illinois facility.

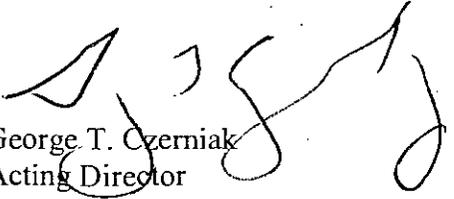
Section 113 of the Clean Air Act gives us several enforcement options. These options include issuing an administrative compliance order, issuing an administrative penalty order and bringing a judicial civil or criminal action.

We are offering you an opportunity to confer with us about the violations alleged in the FOV. 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.

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 Eleanor Kane. You may call her at (312) 353-4840 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
Acting Director
Air and Radiation Division

cc: Ray Pilapil, Manager
Bureau of Air, Compliance and Enforcement Section
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 19506
Springfield, Illinois 62794

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Bridgestone Firestone North American
Tire, LLC
Normal, Illinois

Proceedings Pursuant to
Section 113(a)(3) of the
Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C.
§ 7413(a)(3)

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing this Finding of Violation under Section 113(a)(3) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3). EPA finds that Bridgestone Firestone North American Tire, LLC, at its Normal, Illinois facility (Bridgestone) is in violation of its Title V Operating Permit, as follows:

Statutory and Regulatory Background

1. Section 502(a) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7661a(a), and 40 C.F.R. § 70.7(b) provide that, after the effective date of any permit program approved or promulgated under Title V of the Act, no source subject to Title V may operate except in compliance with a Title V permit.
2. Section 504(a) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7661c(a), requires that each Title V permit include enforceable emission limitations and standards, a schedule of compliance, and other conditions necessary to assure compliance with applicable requirements, including those contained in a SIP. 42 U.S.C. § 7661c(a).
3. On March 7, 1995, EPA gave Illinois' Clean Air Act Permit Program interim approval as a 40 C.F.R. Part 70 permit program. 60 Fed. Reg. 12478. The program was granted full approval effective November 30, 2001. 40 C.F.R. Part 70, Appendix A.

Bridgestone's Facility

4. Bridgestone owns and operates a tire manufacturing facility at 1600 Fort Jesse Road, Normal, Illinois.
5. Emissions from Bridgestone's facility are subject to the conditions listed in its Title V Operating Permit.

Bridgestone's Title V Permit

6. A Title V Operating Permit (Permit) was issued to Bridgestone on November 9, 2006, by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).
7. Permit Condition 7.3.6 states that volatile organic matter (VOM) emissions from the tire assembly machine (TAM) stations identified as ORB and SR-1 shall not exceed 25 tons per year. Pursuant to the permit condition, "compliance with annual limits shall be determined from a running total of 12 months of data."
8. Permit Condition 7.3.6 states that VOM emissions from the TAM station identified as ORB-25 shall not exceed 13.1 tons per year. Pursuant to the permit condition, "compliance with annual limits shall be determined from a running total of 12 months of data."
9. Permit Condition 7.3.9 requires Bridgestone to maintain records of monthly and annual emissions of VOM for ORB and SR-1, and for ORB-25.
10. Permit Condition 7.3.10 requires Bridgestone to notify IEPA of exceedences within 30 days of such occurrence.
11. Permit Condition 9.8 requires Bridgestone to annually certify compliance with each provision of the permit.

Violations

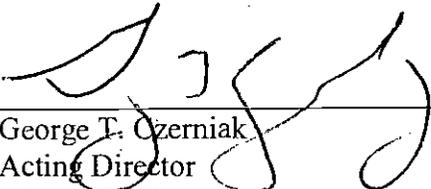
12. In December 2010, the combined emissions from ORB and SR-1 began exceeding 25 tons per year. The emissions, calculated each month on a rolling basis, continued to exceed 25 tons per year through at least May 2011.
13. In February 2011, the emissions from ORB-25 began exceeding 13.1 tons per year. The emissions, calculated each month on a rolling basis, continued to exceed 13 tons per year through at least April 2011.
14. Bridgestone failed to maintain records tracking emissions from the affected TAMs.
15. Bridgestone did not notify the IEPA of these exceedences until February 16, 2012, which was over a year after the required notification date of January 30, 2011.
16. In Bridgestone's annual Title V Compliance Certification for 2010, Bridgestone did not report its noncompliance with Permit Condition 7.3.6.

Environmental Impact of Violations

17. These violations have caused or can cause excess emissions of VOM, which leads to the formation of ozone. Breathing ozone contributes to a variety of health problems including chest pain, coughing, throat irritation, and congestion. It can worsen bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma. Ground-level ozone also can reduce lung function and inflame lung tissue. Repeated exposure may permanently scar lung tissue.

6/21/12

Date



George T. Ozerniak
Acting Director
Air and Radiation Division

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Loetta Shatta, certify that I sent a Finding of Violation, No. EPA-5-12-IL-10, by

Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to:

Mr. Monty Greutman
Plant Manager
Bridgestone Firestone North American Tire, LLC
1600 Fort Jesse Road

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

Mr. Ray Pilapil, Manager
Bureau of Air, Compliance and Enforcement Section
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 19506
Springfield, Illinois 62794

On the 25 day of June 2012.

Loetta Shatta

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