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By: Date: 8-13-08

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BEFORE THE

OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In the Matter of:

Douglas M. Kehres 638 W. Main St. Ravenna, Ohio 44266	: : :	**Director's Final Findings and Orders**

I. JURISDICTION

These Director's Final Findings and Orders ("Orders") are issued to Douglas M. Kehres ("Respondent") pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA") under Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") §§ 3704.03 and 3745.01.

II. PARTIES BOUND

These Orders shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and heirs and successors in interest liable under Ohio law. No change in ownership of the property (as hereinafter defined) shall in any way alter Respondent's obligations under these Orders.

III. DEFINITIONS

Unless otherwise stated, all terms used in these Orders shall have the same meaning as defined in ORC Chapter 3704 and the rules promulgated thereunder.

IV. FINDINGS

The Director of Ohio EPA has determined the following findings:

1. Respondent owns property located at 4079 Waterloo Road in Randolph Township, Portage County, Ohio. This property is located within an "unrestricted area" as defined in OAC Rule 3745-19-01(K) of Ohio's open burning rules.

2. OAC Rule 3745-19-04(A) prohibits open burning in a unrestricted area except as otherwise provided in OAC Rule 3745-19-04(B) to (D) and ORC § 3704.11. The open burning of "land clearing waste," as defined in OAC Rule 3745-19-01(F), without written permission from Ohio EPA is not permitted in an unrestricted area.

3. ORC § 3704.05(G) states, in part, that no person shall violate any order, rule, or determination of the Director issued, adopted, or made under ORC Chapter 3704. The rules in OAC Chapter 3745-19 were adopted by the Director under OAC Chapter 3704.

4. On July 17, 2007, Respondent burned land clearing waste without written permission of Ohio EPA, in violation of OAC Rule 3745-19-04(A). The Randolph Township Fire Department ("Fire Department") observed a large fire consisting of land clearing waste. The Fire Department spread out the burning material and extinguished it completely.

5. On July 18, 2007, Respondent again burned land clearing waste without written permission of Ohio EPA, in violation of OAC Rule 3745-19-04(A). An inspector from the Akron Regional Air Quality Management District ("ARAQMD") observed land clearing waste being burned in the same area and in the same manner as the Fire Department observed and extinguished on July 17, 2007.

6. On August 3, 2007, ARAQMD issued a Notice of Violation ("NOV") letter to Respondent for illegally burning land clearing waste at the Waterloo Road property in violation of Ohio's open burning regulations.

7. Based on the above Findings for the violations occurring in 2007, the Director of Ohio EPA finds that Respondent on July 17, 2007 and July 18, 2007 violated OAC Rule 3745-19-04(A), for conducting prohibited open burning, and ORC § 3704.05(G).

8. OAC 3745-19-06(A) states that the Director of Ohio EPA may assess a violator not more than two hundred and fifty dollars ($250) per day for each violation of the rules of this Chapter for open burning on a residential property. The open burning violations on July 17th and 18th occurred at 4709 Waterloo Road, a residential property owned by Respondent, and therefore a $500 penalty is being assessed.

9. Should Respondent fail to comply with these Orders, the Director of Ohio EPA may refer this matter to the Ohio Attorney General's Office where, under the authority of ORC § 3704.06, the Director may request that the Attorney General pursue litigation and seek civil penalties of up to $25,000 per day of violation.

10. The Director has given consideration to, and based his determination on, evidence relating to the technical feasibility and economic reasonableness of complying with the following Orders and their relation to benefits to the people of the State be derived from such compliance.

V. ORDERS

The Director hereby issues the following Orders:

1. Respondent shall immediately cease all open burning in violation of OAC Rule 3745-19-04 and shall maintain compliance thereafter.

2. Within thirty (30) days after the effective date of these Orders, for the violations described in Findings 4 and 5, Respondent is assessed and shall pay a penalty

of five hundred dollars ($500) to Ohio EPA in settlement of Ohio EPA's claim for civil penalties, which may be assessed pursuant to OAC Rule 3745-19-06. Payment shall be made by an official check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio" and shall be submitted to Brenda Case, or her successor, with a letter identifying the Respondent, to:

Ohio EPA
Office of Fiscal Administration
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

A copy of the check shall be sent to James A. Orlemann, Assistant Chief, SIP Development and Enforcement, or his successor, at the following address:

Division of Air Pollution Control
Ohio EPA
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

VI. TERMINATION

Respondent's obligations under these Orders shall terminate when Respondent certifies in writing and demonstrates to the satisfaction of Ohio EPA that Respondent has performed all obligations under these Orders and the Chief of Ohio EPA's Division of Air Pollution Control acknowledges, in writing, the termination of these Orders. If Ohio EPA does not agree that all obligations have been performed, then Ohio EPA will notify Respondent of the obligations that have not been performed, in which case Respondent shall have an opportunity to address any such deficiencies and seek termination as described above.

The certification shall signed by Respondent and contain the following attestation: "I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this certification is true, accurate and complete."

This certification shall be submitted by Respondent to Ohio EPA.

VII. OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS

All actions required to be taken pursuant to these Orders shall be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations. These Orders do not waive or compromise the applicability and enforcement of any other statutes or regulations applicable to Respondent.

VIII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from seeking legal or equitable relief to enforce the terms of these Orders or from taking other administrative, legal or equitable action as deemed appropriate and necessary, including seeking penalties against Respondent for noncompliance with these Orders and/or for the violations described herein. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Ohio EPA from exercising its lawful authority to require Respondent to perform additional activities pursuant to ORC Chapter 3704 or any other applicable law in the future. Nothing herein shall restrict the right of Respondent to raise any administrative, legal or equitable claim or defense with respect to such further actions which Ohio EPA may seek to require of Respondent. Nothing in these Orders shall be construed to limit the authority of Ohio EPA to seek relief for violations not addressed in these Orders.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of these Orders is the date these Orders are entered into the Ohio EPA Director's journal.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Chris Korleski
Director

8/6/08
Date