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Ohio EPA, Ashland Company Resolve Violations

Aber's Garage, Inc., will pay a \$26,600 civil penalty to Ohio EPA for hazardous waste management violations at the company's Ashland truck service center. The violations have been corrected.

The company generates small amounts of hazardous wastes at its service center located at 1729 Claremont Ave. The wastes include paint waste, parts cleaner and used oil.

On May 12, 2008, Ohio EPA inspected the facility after a complaint alleged the company disposed of used oil into the storm drains. Ohio EPA determined that the company had failed to evaluate wastes, including 15 drums containing unknown waste, to see if it was hazardous; failed to properly manage used oil, including failing to clean up releases of used oil; and failed to properly manage a category of waste known as universal waste, which includes items such as fluorescent lamps that may contain small amounts of mercury or other hazardous substances.

In response, the company sampled the drums. Fourteen contained hazardous waste. The company also sampled ground where stained soil was found. Results indicated hazardous waste had been disposed of to the ground.

Based on the sampling results, Ohio EPA notified the company of additional violations, including establishing and operating a hazardous waste storage facility without a permit and failing to properly manage containers of hazardous waste. The contaminated soil and waste drums have been removed and properly disposed.

Aber's Garage will pay \$21,000 to Ohio EPA's hazardous waste cleanup fund. The remaining \$5,600 will be paid to Ohio EPA's Clean Diesel School Bus Fund. A copy of the settlement is available online at www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/32/pdf/Signed%20DFFO.oc.AbersGarageInc.10.28.09.pdf.

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