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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Columbus Company to Pay Ohio EPA Penalty for Hazardous Waste Violations**

ArcelorMittal Columbus, LLC, has agreed to pay \$17,280 to Ohio EPA for violating the state's hazardous waste law.

The company operates a manufacturing facility that conducts hot dip galvanizing of rolled sheet metal at 1800 Watkins Road in Columbus (Franklin County). The company is considered a large quantity generator of hazardous wastes, including used oil and aerosols used as cleaners and lubricants.

In March 2009, Ohio EPA conducted a compliance evaluation inspection at the facility and discovered nine drums of hazardous waste that had been stored improperly (i.e. in an area without a permit for more than 90 days, the maximum period of time allowed by law). Ohio EPA determined that in doing so, the company had unlawfully established an unpermitted hazardous waste storage facility.

Immediately following Ohio EPA's inspection, ArcelorMittal Columbus, LLC, properly disposed of the drums off-site at a permitted facility. Ohio EPA is not aware of any release of hazardous waste from the drums and determined that the violation does not require closure of the storage area at this time.

A majority of the civil penalty (\$13,824) will be paid to Ohio EPA's Hazardous Waste Cleanup Fund. The remaining portion (\$3,456) will go to Ohio EPA's Clean Diesel School Bus Fund. This fund helps retrofit school buses with pollution control equipment to reduce particulate emissions from their diesel engines.

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Settlement with ArcelorMittal Columbus, LLC:

[www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/32/pdf/Signed%20DFFO.oc.ArcelorMittalColumbusLLC.11.10.09.jms.pdf](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/32/pdf/Signed%20DFFO.oc.ArcelorMittalColumbusLLC.11.10.09.jms.pdf)

Ohio EPA's Clean Diesel School Bus Program:

[www.epa.ohio.gov/oeef/schoolbus.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/oeef/schoolbus.aspx)