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Eric J. Holcomb
Governor

Bruno L. Plgett
Commissioner

August 14, 2017

Mr. Ken Carter
Town Board President

Dear Mr. Carter:

Re: SMS Shredding

Thank you for contacting Governor Holcomb regarding your concerns about the recent fire and water run-off at SMS Shredding. He shared your comments with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and asked that we respond to you. I appreciate the time you took to share your concerns.

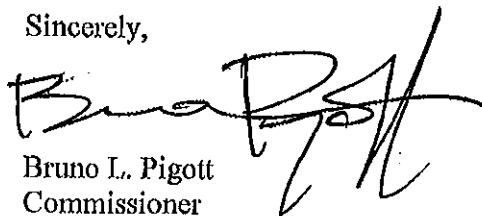
The facility in question has a pond system designed to keep water on-site. The system is described in the fact sheet which is accessible at the following link: https://secure.in.gov/idem/files/factsheet_360_degree_metal_recycling_inc.pdf. The SMS facility has a full containment system with a geo-textiles subsurface liner and storm water collection system that goes to the re-use pond.

The day after the fire occurred one of our inspectors went out to the facility to survey the situation. Richard Hackel from our Emergency Response section stated that there was no evidence of any immediate environmental issues. According to Mr. Hackel, the fire did not involve any significant quantities of chemicals. Mr. Hackel also stated that the facility's design worked well to prohibit run-off.

Other than the sorting of the fluff to reclaim additional metal, the activities occurring on-site are consistent with the information found in the fact sheet. At this time, none of their current activities would require a permit from the Office of Land Quality. SMS Shredding does have a permit from the Office of Air Quality. Their permit number is (M141-30660-00577) which was renewed on November 15, 2016 (VFC 80378828). They do submit records as required by their permit. The most recent report of records occurred in April of this year (VFC 80446639).

IDEM will continue to monitor SMS Shredding to ensure they are in compliance with applicable rules and regulations under IDEM's purview. Thank you again for sharing your concerns. If you have additional questions or comments about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact our complaint line at 317-232-4464 or online at <http://www.in.gov/idem/5275.htm>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruno L. Pigott', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Bruno L. Pigott
Commissioner