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Mr. Terry Giovanoli, Plant Manager
Stericycle, Inc.
1301 East Alexis Road
Toledo, Ohio 43612

**Re: Stericycle, Inc., Lucas County
Permit Alteration**

Dear Mr. Giovanoli:

Stericycle, Inc. (Stericycle) owns and operates an infectious waste treatment facility (facility) located in Lucas County. The facility is currently operating under permit-to-install (PTI) Number 04-429 issued on April 27, 1988. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) approved alterations to the permit on June 6, 2000; May 17, 2001; January 9, 2002; and June 30, 2003.

PTI Number 04-429 established the facility's operating limitations as 400 pounds per bin and 1,600 pounds per hour per autoclave. On July 17, 2003, Stericycle submitted a request to alter the operating limitation of the permit to 1,600 pounds per cycle per autoclave. As part of the request, Stericycle indicated that the facility will not process more than 38,400 pounds per autoclave per day with a total daily throughput of 76,800 pounds per day.

By document dated March 18, 2003, the Toledo Division of Environmental Services reviewed the proposal and concluded that operating at a total daily throughput of 76,800 pounds will not exceed the de minimis level of any one air pollutant for each autoclave.

Based upon review of the request and the applicable information, I have determined that altering the permit in the manner proposed above meets the applicable rules. Therefore, I hereby approve the alteration request. As part of this approval, Stericycle is subject to the following conditions:

1. Stericycle shall not process more than 1,600 pounds of infectious waste per cycle per autoclave at the facility.
2. Stericycle shall maintain all logs currently required by PTI Number 04-429.
3. Stericycle shall not process more than 38,400 pounds of infectious waste per autoclave per day or the total daily throughput of 76,800 pounds of infectious waste per day.

Bob Taft, Governor
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Christopher Jones, Director



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4. Within 30 days of the effective date of this approval, Stericycle shall complete all of the following:
 - a. Stericycle shall revise and submit the applicable pages from PTI Number 04-429 to Ohio EPA and the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department. Two copies shall be submitted to Ohio EPA, and one copy shall be submitted to the health department. The pages shall have the language referring to 400 pounds per bin requirement removed, and the language referring to 1,600 pounds per hour per autoclave shall be changed to 1,600 pounds per cycle per autoclave.
 - b. Stericycle shall revise and insert all applicable pages into its copy of PTI Number 04-429.

Nothing in this authorization shall be interpreted to release Stericycle from responsibility under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Chapters 3704, 3714, 3734, or 6111; under the Federal Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, or the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; or from other applicable requirements for remedying conditions resulting from any release of contaminants from the facility to the environment.

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director of Environmental Protection is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 3745.04. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the commission within 30 days after notice of the director's action. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the director within three days after the appeal is filed with the commission. An appeal may be filed with the commission at the following address:

Environmental Review Appeals Commission
309 South Forth Street
Room 222
Columbus, Ohio 43215

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Ben Smith of Ohio EPA's Northwest District Office at (419) 373-3062.

Sincerely,

Christopher Jones
Director

cc: Ben Smith, DSIWM, NWDO
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Jodi Vaughan, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department