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Cleveland Company to Pay Penalty for Violating Ohio's Air Pollution Control Laws

Stein Inc. has agreed to pay [Ohio EPA](#) a \$15,300 penalty as a settlement for violating Ohio's air pollution permitting regulations at its slag material recycling operation located 2032 Campbell Road in Cleveland.

In October 2009 and June 2010, Ohio EPA notified the company that its application for an air permit renewal was due no later than September 24, 2010. The company submitted the renewal application on January 5, 2011, more than three months after the filing deadline. A valid permit is important because it contains the operating and monitoring requirements the company must follow to ensure its facility does not adversely impact air quality or public health.

Stein was cited for failing to submit a permit renewal application at least six months prior to the expiration of its existing permit and for operating the facility after its permit expired. The violations were documented by the [Cleveland Division of Air Quality](#), Ohio EPA's contractual representative for administering Ohio's air pollution control laws in Cuyahoga County.

The [settlement](#) allows the company to continue operating under the expired permit's terms and conditions until Ohio EPA takes a final action on the renewal application. The civil penalty includes \$12,240 to support state and local air pollution control programs and the [Ohio Environmental Education Fund](#), and \$3,060 to Ohio EPA's [clean diesel school bus program](#) fund.

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