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## Ohio EPA, Titan Tire Resolve Air Pollution Violations

Ohio EPA and Titan Tire Corp. of Bryan have reached a settlement to resolve past violations involving air permitting requirements related to a plant expansion. Because the expanded manufacturing line produces more emissions, Titan was required to obtain a permit from Ohio EPA prior to construction. Titan agreed to pay a \$15,000 civil penalty for beginning construction without the permit. The [permitting issues](#) were resolved in 2008 before the expanded lines became operational.

Located at 927 South Union St., the company manufactures tires and wheel assemblies of various sizes for off-road equipment used in mining, agricultural, construction and forestry industries. The expansion project allowed the company to add a line to manufacture 63-inch-wide radial tires for the mining industry.

The facility was already classified as a major air pollution source before the expansion. Because Williams County was meeting federal air quality standards, the addition of a large new air emission source required the company to file a permit application that included a review of the impact of additional emissions on public health and to make sure the county would continue to meet air quality standards.

The expansion included six new tire-building areas, a curing repair and finish area and a 50.4 million BTU per hour natural gas-fired boiler. The facility already had a federal and state permit designed for large air pollution sources. This permitted up to 433 tons per year of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions. The expansion had the potential to add another 90 tons per year of VOC emissions.

Ohio regulations require businesses to obtain a permit-to-install before starting construction on new air pollution sources. After the violations were noted, Titan Tire filed and received the permit-to-install with the additional impact analysis.

The civil penalty will be split between Ohio EPA's Ohio Environmental Education Fund and a fund to administer air pollution control programs.

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