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## **International Converter, Ohio EPA Reach Settlement Over Air Pollution Concerns in Noble County**

International Converter LLC has worked with Ohio EPA to address violations of air pollution control requirements at its facility, located at 17153 CR 57 in Caldwell (Noble County). The company has agreed to comply with its air permit and pay a civil penalty of \$50,500.

Ohio EPA regulates air pollution to protect public health and the environment. The Agency also establishes emission limits for permits to ensure that facilities are operating in compliance with state and federal air pollution control standards, laws and regulations.

International Converter operates seven lines to laminate and coat foil paper such as fast food wrappers. These units emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Ohio EPA issued the company notices of violation for not complying with VOC emission limits and minimum emission control efficiency requirements for certain units and not maintaining proper incinerator temperatures.

Additionally, the company's original air permit required most emissions to be vented to a catalytic incinerator which has a high capacity for capturing and controlling air pollution. Ohio EPA discovered that certain emissions were wrongfully vented to the atmosphere without being controlled. The company has since applied for and received a revised permit for new control equipment to more effectively control VOC emissions.

In a [settlement](#) with Ohio EPA, International Converter has agreed to pay a portion of the penalty (\$10,100) to [Ohio EPA's Clean Diesel School Bus Program Fund](#). This fund helps retrofit older school buses with pollution control equipment to reduce particulate emissions from their diesel engines and thereby protect the children who ride the buses. The remaining \$40,400 will be equally split between Ohio EPA's Environmental Education Fund and the administration of air pollution control programs.

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