Hazardous Waste Enforcement: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Columbus, Ohio Paint Corporation Enter Into Expedited Settlement Agreement



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The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and Yenkin-Majestic Paint Corporation ("YMPC") entered into a February 19th Expedited Settlement Agreement ("ESA") addressing alleged Resource Conservation Recovery Act ("RCRA") violations. See docket no. RCRA.05-2025-0005.

The ESA provides that YMPC operates a facility in Columbus, OH.

EPA's representatives are stated to have inspected the facility on September 12, 2022, and/or reviewed information provided by YMPC on May 30, 2024. The federal agency is stated to have determined that the facility violated certain sections of RCRA and the Ohio Waste Management Program.

YMPC neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained in the ESA.

The alleged violations include:

- Storage of Hazardous waste without a permit.
- A satellite container not properly labeled with the words "Hazardous Waste"
- Failure to keep 155-gallon drum accumulating paint solids and skins closed when waste was not being added or removed from the container.
- Failure to provide training to security guards conducting inspections of hazardous waste storage areas.
- Failure to provide updated copy of the facility's contingency plan to emergency authorities.
- Failure to conduct certain weekly inspections of a 90-day storage accumulation area.
- Failure to determine the applicability of sub part CC requirements to hazardous waste tank-115.
- Failure to keep 2 boxes managing universal waste bulbs in building 06 Universal Waste Storage closed.
- A used lamps box did not have an accumulation start date.

The ESA assesses a civil penalty of $20,000.00.

A copy of the ESA can be downloaded below.