Immediate Attention Required

New Federal Rule affecting Asphalt Processing Manufacturing at Area/Small sources
Affected sources must submit an Initial Notification by April 1, 2010

Important Environmental Notice: New Emission Standards for Asphalt Processing and Roofing Products

March 11, 2010

Dear Facility Owner:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated an area source rule that implements new emission standards for asphalt processing and roofing products manufacturing. On December 2, 2009, EPA made effective a rule regarding air toxic standards for asphalt industry groups. The rule may be viewed electronically by visiting: http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/fr02de09.pdf. A copy of the pertinent portions of rule is enclosed for your review. The rule applies to operations that may produce polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), a hazardous air pollutant (HAP). The rule particularly covers ONLY sources where the primary activity of the facility is in one of the following source categories: Asphalt Processing or Roofing Products manufacturing. Affected facilities are identified by NAICS codes 324110 and 324122.

Facility owners and operators (except those located in Knox, Shelby, Davidson or Hamilton counties) are required to provide Initial Notice to the State of Tennessee and EPA, if the rule is or is not applicable to your primary operations. Sources located in a local air pollution control program (APC) area (Knox, Shelby, Davidson or Hamilton counties) should contact the appropriate local APC agency for instructions.

To assist small businesses, the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) has attached an example Initial Notice. All affected facilities are required to be in compliance by December 2, 2010. New sources must be in compliance when they begin to operate. The SBEAP is available to assist you regarding environmental issues that may impact your facility. If you have questions or want assistance tools for this rule, please contact our office by phone, e-mail or fax.

Sincerely yours,

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