



March 15, 2021

Jeff Holmes  
A-Line Iron & Metals  
101 High Street, PO Box 263  
Kellogg, IA 50135

RE: Notice of Violation: Stormwater Permitting [567 IAC 64.3(4)]  
A-Line Iron & Metals, 101 High Street, Kellogg, IA (Jasper Co.)  
Complaint No. 29208

Dear Mr. Holmes:

On March 8, 2021, I visited your facility in Kellogg in response to a report about oil leakage and spillage onto the ground in your metal recycling yard. I met with you and other A-Line staff. I observed several areas with oil on the ground (mostly on concrete) from scrap metal and leaking equipment. You agreed to clean up these areas and prevent future leakage/spillage.

The most significant area with oil contamination was at the east end of the yard where metal shavings were being stored. Not all of the oil-soaked shavings were being stored on concrete. We discussed storage improvements and you agreed to move the shavings piles onto concrete and to use containment mechanisms to prevent oil runoff.

A review of Iowa DNR records indicates that this operation does not possess a stormwater discharge permit (General Permit No. 1—GP1) as required for salvage yards, metal scrap yards, vehicle junkyards, and similar recycling operations that are exposed to precipitation which have the potential to discharge to a waterway.

The permit application process entails completion of the following tasks:

- Develop and implement a pollution prevention plan [include a map identifying the location(s) materials and the surface water discharge point(s)].
- Publish a notice of intent to request a permit in a local newspaper.
- Submit the permit application with the appropriate fee and proof of public notice.

After obtaining a permit, you must perform the following (and other) tasks:

- Prevent spillage or leakage of fluids and other contaminants.
- Routinely (at least annually) inspect the site for environmental issues (spills, leaks, etc.) and promptly take care of problems found.
- Keep a record of this pollution prevention and monitoring activity.
- Provide employees proper pollution prevention training.

I have enclosed permit application documents, which include guidance to help you develop a pollution prevention plan, along with record keeping forms. (Go to <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water-Quality/NPDES-Storm-Water/Permits-Guidance-Forms> for on-line permit application.)

By **May 1, 2021**, clean up contaminated areas, develop and implement a pollution prevention plan, and submit a completed stormwater permit application. You may contact me (515-238-7871; bill.gross@dnr.iowa.gov) with any questions or comments. Thank you for your effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Gross". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Bill Gross  
Environmental Specialist Senior, Field Office #5

c: Joe Griffin, IDNR Stormwater Program (via email)

encl.: GP1 application and guidance

