



October 22, 2018

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

RE: Notice of Violation: Improper Open Burning [567 IAC 23.2(455B)]
A-Line Iron & Metal, 101 High St., Kellogg, IA
Complaint No. 26120

Dear Mr. Wherry:

On October 11, 2018, while in Kellogg I observed smoke emanating from the A-Line metal salvage facility. Upon investigation, I learned that a large wood cable spool was being burned for disposal.

Iowa DNR regulations [567 IAC 23.2(455B)], with a few exceptions, prohibit the open burning of solid waste (including rubber tires, lumber, plastic, shingles, furniture, appliances and other trade wastes). Wood spools would be considered a trade waste. Untreated wood may only be burned on-site in a controlled manner in burn barrels for the purpose of providing heat for workers.

You must discontinue improper open burning immediately. An administrative consent order (No. 2017-AQ-12 and 2017-SW-06) was issued with a monetary penalty to A-Line in 2017 for more egregious improper open burning and solid waste disposal. All employees need to be informed of the Iowa open burning regulations as part of an on-going employee training program. Future violations will likely be referred to the Iowa DNR Legal Services Section or the office of the Iowa Attorney General for more stringent enforcement action.

I have enclosed copies of applicable regulations for your reference. You may contact me (515-725-0271; bill.gross@dnr.iowa.gov) with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Bill Gross
Environmental Specialist Senior, Field Office #5

c: Mark Fields / Reid Bermel, Iowa DNR Air Quality Bureau (via email)

encl.: open burning brochure and solid waste disposal regulations

