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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PATRICIA L. BODDY, INTERIM DIRECTOR

December 1, 2010

Matt Rase, Facility Superintendent
Alter Metal Recycling
2603 9th Avenue
Council Bluffs, IA 51501

RE: Air Quality Complaint No. 12550
Alter Metal Recycling
Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, Iowa

Dear Mr. Rase:

As you are aware, on November 30, 2010, I visited the Alter Metal Recycling facility in response to an air quality complaint. The anonymous complaint stated "Alter Metal Recycling has thick blue smoke clouds during the day when they are running their shredder for the vehicles that are crushed. The smoke is smelly and lingers for a long period of time." The complaint was received on October 18, 2010.

During my visit, I observed the shredder in operation. Although the sky was overcast, I observed steam emissions but did not observe particulate emissions from the unit. You explained that opacities are kept to a minimum by alternating the type of material fed into the shredder.

A routine air quality inspection was most recently conducted by IDNR staff on September 13, 2010. No violations were noted.

Although I am in the area frequently, and specifically visited the facility on November 30, 2010, to observe the shredder in operation, I have not documented excess emissions from the unit. No further action will be taken with respect to this complaint. If you have any questions, please contact me at 712/243-1934.

Sincerely,

Holly Vandemark

Holly Vandemark
Environmental Specialist Senior
Field Services & Compliance Bureau

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