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April 21, 2021

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Shaun McDonough  
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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
2201 Sweeney Drive  
Clinton, PA 15026

**RE: Enforcement Order #210403** - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 2201 Sweeney Drive, Clinton, PA 15026, Article XXI §2103.12.h.5 and §2103.12.k. and Operating Permit #0900.

Dear Mr. McDonough,

Enclosed please find a copy of the Enforcement Order pertaining to the exceedance of the press wash used and the failure to maintain records for the emergency generator.

Thank you for your anticipated prompt attention to this matter and future increased efforts to comply with all applicable regulations. Any questions concerning this Order should be directed to the ACHD's representative, Erick Vail, at (412) 578-8118 or e-mail at [Erick.Vail@AlleghenyCounty.US](mailto:Erick.Vail@AlleghenyCounty.US).

Sincerely,

Shannon Sandberg  
Air Quality Program Manager

cc: File



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**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
AIR QUALITY PROGRAM**

In the Matter of:

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
2201 Sweeney Drive  
Clinton, PA 15026

Violation No. 210403

Violation of Article XXI  
("Air Pollution Control") at property:

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette  
2201 Sweeney Drive  
Clinton, PA 15026

**ENFORCEMENT ORDER**

**NOW**, this 21st day of April, 2021, the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) issues this Enforcement Order after having found and determined the following:

1. The Director of the ACHD has been delegated authority pursuant to the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 7401-7671a (hereinafter "CAA"), and the Pennsylvania Air Pollution Control Act, 35 P.S. Sections 4001-4014 (hereinafter "APCA"), and the ACHD is a local health agency organized under Local Health Administration Law, 19 P.S. §§12001-12028, whose powers and duties include the enforcement of laws relating to public health within Allegheny County, including the ACHD'S Rules and Regulations, Article XXI, Air Pollution Control (Allegheny County Code of Ordinances Chapters 505, 507, and 535) ("Article XXI").
2. On January 23, 2017, ACHD issued Operating Permit #0900 to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette printing facility located at 2201 Sweeney Drive, Clinton, PA 15026.
3. On June 9, 2020, an ACHD Representative performed an onsite inspection of Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's Clinton facility. At the time of the inspection, the ACHD Representative requested the emergency generator records and the Safety Data Sheets for the current ink, fountain solution, and press wash solutions that are used at the facility.

4. Operating Permit #0900, Condition V.A.1.a.3, limits the VOC content to 6.5 pounds of VOC per gallon of wash solution. During the onsite inspection, a representative of Pittsburgh Post-Gazette stated the facility is using a new wash solution. A review of the new wash solution Safety Data Sheet (SDS) showed the VOC content to be 6.57 pounds of VOC per gallon of wash solution. Operating Permit #0900, Condition V.A.1.a.3, limits the VOC content to 6.5 pounds of VOC per gallon of wash solution. The use of a wash solution containing 6.57 pounds of VOC per gallon of press wash solution constitutes a violation of Article XXI, § 2102.03.c.

5. Operating Permit #0900, Condition V.A.1.e, limits the wash usage to 120 gallons in any twelve consecutive months. The semi-annual reports for 2019 submitted by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette show a usage of 3,630 gallons of wash solution over twelve consecutive months. Based on the information provided by Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the facility used 3,510 gallons more than is allowed in twelve consecutive months as delineated in Operating Permit #0900, Condition V.A.1.e which constitutes a violation of Article XXI, § 2102.03.c.

6. Operating Permit #0900, Condition VI.A.4.a.1 through 4, requires Pittsburgh Post-Gazette retain the emergency generator records, and for these records to be made available to the ACHD upon request. During the on-site facility inspection, the ACHD Representative determined Pittsburgh Post-Gazette failed to record and maintain daily emergency generator records as required by Operating Permit #0900, Condition VI.A.4.a.1 through 4. Failure to record required information and maintain the records for a period of five (5) years constitutes violations of Article XXI, § 2102.03.c.

## ORDER

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority granted to the ACHD by Article XXI, § 2109.03.a.1, and the Local Health Administration Law, 19 P.S. § 12010, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

7. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette shall submit to the ACHD within thirty (30) days of receiving this Order a compliance plan to address the increase in the VOC content of the wash solution and address the dramatic usage increase of the wash solution. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette shall also submit a copy of the SDS of the press wash solution.

8. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette shall submit to the ACHD within thirty (30) days of receiving this Order the amount of VOC emitted based on the volume of wash solution used in 2019 and 2020. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette shall also submit the calculations for determining VOC emissions.

9. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette shall keep and maintain records for the emergency generator which include the fuel shipment records, certification of fuel sulfur content, cold starts, total operating hours, and records of operation, maintenance, inspection, calibration and/or replacement of combustion equipment, as delineated in Operating Permit #0900, Condition VI.A.4.a.1 through 4.

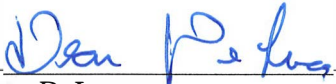
10. Please be advised that failure to comply with this Order within the times specified herein is a violation of Article XXI giving rise to the remedies provided by Article XXI § 2109.02 including civil penalties of up to \$25,000 per violation per day.

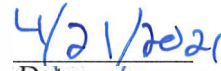
11. Pursuant to Article XI (“Hearings and Appeals”) of the Allegheny County Health Department Rules and Regulations, you are notified that if you are aggrieved by this Order you have thirty (30) days from the date of issuance or receipt of this Order in which to file an appeal.

Such a Notice of Appeal shall be filed in the Office of the Director at 542 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. This Order is enforceable upon issuance and any appeal of this Order shall not act as a stay unless the Director of ACHD so orders. In the absence of a timely appeal, the terms of this Order shall become final.

**DONE** and **ENTERED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2021, in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

For:

  
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Dean DeLuca  
Air Quality Program Manager

  
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