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Preventing Pollution is the Best Solution

Continental Aluminum is committed to complying and exceeding rules and regulations established by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). One such area is preventing storm water pollution.

Structural and non-structural controls in storm water pollution prevention at Continental Aluminum help enforce MDEQ's policy of "Preventing pollution is the best solution." Continental continues to take steps to maintain compliance.

- Will Ryan, Environmental Control Manager for Continental Aluminum is the company's Certified Storm Water Operator.
- Continental recently received the MDEQ's approval of its National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit
- Continental also received MDEQ's approval of its Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SW3P). The SW3P is a living document that changes to accommodate procedural and personnel changes at the facility.

Structural Controls

Structural controls are physical methods used to "treat, divert, isolate, recycle, reuse, or otherwise manage stormwater in a manner that reduces the level of significant materials in the stormwater." Structural controls implemented at the Continental facility include secondary spill containment in the form of spill pallets, upgrading of spill kits, and other containment units. These structural controls are in place to prevent the contamination of stormwater in the event of a spill or leak.

Non-Structural Controls

Non-structural controls include training, preventative maintenance measures, and routine inspections to find and correct potential problems. Continental performs routine inspections on a daily, monthly, and semi-annual basis to ensure its compliance with MDEQ standards. The employees have also been trained in housekeeping procedures and spill reporting procedures in order to protect the community and ensure a safe working environment. Training sessions are held on an annual basis or as new employees are hired.

Continental Intends to Stay in Compliance

A recent voluntary inspection with MDEQ found Continental to be in compliance with all rules and regulations. Through preventative maintenance and corrective action, Continental Aluminum intends to stay in compliance and prevent the contamination of stormwater at its facility.

Sincerely,

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