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RE: Violation Notice - Semiannual compliance report

Once our initial report was submitted in November of 2009 we simply forgot about the semiannual report requirements. Our level of staffing does not allow for specialist for each facet of the operation and the pressures of all the other regulatory and compliance issues can be overwhelming to a small business. As I stated during our interview, I would have expected some sort of response from the DEQ or EPA during the seven years that we didn't file to serve as a reminder. That being stated, I was raised in this community and strive to be a good neighbor and respectful of the environment of the community and understand the need for some level of oversight.

Due to the size of our melting furnaces and the compositional requirements of our products, we have never and will never melt shredded post-consumer scrap steel. The steel we purchase for melting stock is low carbon washed punchings free from any coating of paint, galvanizing or anodizing as you saw during your inspection visit.

I have submitted a report earlier this month for the six-month period ending December 2016 and a reminder has been programed into our systems to complete a form semiannually from now on.

Sincerely,



Andrew S. Abrams  
President