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By Electronic Mail, Received Receipt Requested
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Mr. J. Kevin Watts
Location Manager
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Pensacola, Florida 32506

Dear Mr. Watts:

On February 15, 2013, a Department representative with the Compliance & Enforcement Program conducted a compliance assistance visit of your facility, ID 0330091. The site visit and a brief review of records indicate the facility is operating largely within the terms of the current permit and in accordance with Rule 62-296.401(5), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

One concern was noted during the site visit. The only manufacturer data sheet available was for rarely used black disaster bags made of polyvinyl chloride, which is not a material approved for incineration. Please note, Rule 62-296.401(5)(d), F.A.C., states that human crematory units shall cremate only human or fetal remains with appropriate containers. The containers shall contain no more than 0.5 percent by weight chlorinated plastics as demonstrated by the manufacturer's data sheet. If containers are incinerated, documentation from the manufacturer certifying that they are composed of 0.5 percent or less by weight chlorinated plastics shall be kept on file at the site for the duration of their use and for at least two years after their use. No other material, including biomedical waste as defined in Rule 62-210.200, F.A.C., shall be incinerated.

In order to ensure future compliance, assistance was offered by providing material safety data sheets (MSDS) for body bags used by numerous hospitals located in the Florida panhandle. Mr. Karl Ruhl, crematory operator, made copies of the MSDS to keep on file for future reference and was reminded to ensure that all bags used in cremations have the proper documentation maintained on file.

This letter applies only to activities covered by the Air Resource Management Program. If you have any questions or requests for further assistance, please contact Jennifer Waltrip at 850.595.0662 or e-mail jennifer.waltrip@dep.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jennifer Waltrip'.

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c: Karl Ruhl, Southeastern Crematory: karl.ruhl@sci-us.com