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Mr. Hank Belcher  
Preferred Materials, Inc.  
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Panama City, Florida 30338

Dear Mr. Belcher:

On February 1, 2012, Department representatives with the Air Resource Management Program inspected the Preferred Materials Panama City Beach Concrete Batch Plant ID 0050037. A copy of the inspection report is enclosed. The inspection and a review of Department records indicate the facility was in compliance at the time of the inspection for those items specifically noted in the inspection report.

This letter applies only to activities covered by the Air Resource Management Program. If you have any questions, please contact C. Mark Sumner at 850/767-0046, or by email at [mark.c.sumner@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:mark.c.sumner@dep.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cliff Wilson".

Clifford D. Wilson III, P.E.  
Panama City Branch Administrator

CDW/ms

Enclosure

c: Ms. Mary Beth Curle, FDEP Pensacola ([mary.beth.curle@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:mary.beth.curle@dep.state.fl.us))  
Ms. Carol Melton, FDEP Pensacola ([carol.melton@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:carol.melton@dep.state.fl.us))  
Mr. Kevin Harrington, Preferred Materials ([kharrington@preferredmaterials.com](mailto:kharrington@preferredmaterials.com))



# CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT



## COMPLIANCE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

**INSPECTION TYPE:** ANNUAL (INS1, INS2)  COMPLAINT/DISCOVERY (CI)   
 RE-INSPECTION (FUI)  ARMS COMPLAINT NO:

|   |                              |                              |                             |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>AIRS ID#:</b> 0050037  | <b>DATE:</b> <u>2/1/2012</u> | <b>ARRIVE:</b> <u>10:30</u>  | <b>DEPART:</b> <u>11:30</u> |
| <b>FACILITY NAME:</b> PREFERRED MATERIALS-PANAMA CITY BEACH                       |                              |                              |                             |
| <b>FACILITY LOCATION:</b> 17750 HUTCHINSON RD<br>PANAMA CITY BEACH 32402-         |                              |                              |                             |
| <b>OWNER/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE:</b> HENRY "HANK" BELCHER                      |                              | <b>PHONE:</b> (813)384-3025  |                             |
| <b>Email:</b> Hank.Belcher@preferredmaterials.com                                 |                              | <b>Mobile:</b> (352)279-0404 |                             |
| <b>CONTACT NAME:</b> Kevin Harrington   |                              | <b>PHONE:</b> (850)625-6591  |                             |
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| <b>ENTITLEMENT PERIOD:</b> 12/15/2007 / 12/15/2012<br>(effective date) (end date) |                              |                              |                             |

### Facility Section

**PART I: INSPECTION COMPLIANCE STATUS** (check  only one box)

IN COMPLIANCE     MINOR Non-COMPLIANCE     SIGNIFICANT Non-COMPLIANCE

**PART II: ONSITE INTRODUCTORY MEETING** (check  only one box for each question)

1. Name(s) of facility representative(s): Kevin Harrington

Brief Notes: I met with Kevin Harrington and was given access to all areas of this facility and all required records.

2. Is the Authorized Representative still HENRY "HANK" BELCHER? -----  Yes    ..No  
 If no, who is?: NA

If different, did the facility provide an administrative update within 30 days? ----- ..NA     Yes    ..No

3. Is the facility contact still MIKE BIAGINI? -----  Yes    ..No  
 If no, who is?: NA

4. Will facility be conducting VE test(s) during today's inspection? -----  Yes    ..No  
 If yes, was the compliance authority notified at least 15 days in advance? ----- ..NA     Yes    ..No

**Emissions Unit Section**

**1-CEMENT CONCRETE BATCH PLANT - CEMENT SILO w/ Baghouse subject to Reasonable Precautions**

**PART I: FILE REVIEW PRIOR TO INSPECTION**

1. Date of last inspection: 1/14/2011
2. Did the emissions unit use reasonable precautions during the last inspection? -----  Yes  No  
If not: a. Did the inspector perform a general VE test (20% opacity)? -----  Yes  No  
b. If tested: (NA)% opacity. Were the visible emissions < 20% opacity? -----  N/A  Yes  No  
c. What caused the problem(s) (if known)? NA

**PART II: FIELD OBSERVATIONS – Rule 62-296.414(2), F.A.C.**

**Unconfined Emissions from Truck Loading and Unloading, Hoppers, Storage and Conveying Equipment, Conveyor Drop Points, Roads, Parking Areas, Stock Piles, and Yards**

1. Does the owner/operator of the concrete batching plant take reasonable precautions to control unconfined emissions by:
- a. Management of roads, parking areas, stock piles, and yards, which shall include one or more of the following:
- 1) paving and maintenance of roads, parking areas, stock piles, and yards? -----  Yes  No
  - 2) application of water or environmentally safe dust-suppressant chemicals when necessary to control emissions? -----  Yes  No
  - 3) removal of particulate matter from roads and other paved areas under control of the owner/operator to re-entrainment, and from building or work areas to reduce airborne particulate matter? -----  Yes  No
  - 4) reduction of stock pile height, or installation of wind breaks to mitigate wind entrainment of particulate matter from stock piles? -----  Yes  No
- b. Use of spray bar, chute, or partial enclosure to mitigate emissions at the drop point to the truck? ----  Yes  No
2. If reasonable precautions not being taken:
- a. Did the inspector perform a general VE test (20% opacity)? -----  N/A  Yes  No
  - b. If tested: (NA)% opacity. Were the visible emissions < 20% opacity? -----  N/A  Yes  No
  - c. What caused the problem(s) (if known)? NA

**Emissions Unit Section**  
**3 –FLY ASH SILO WITH BAGHOUSE subject to Reasonable Precautions**

**PART I: FILE REVIEW PRIOR TO INSPECTION**

1. Date of last inspection: 1/14/2011
2. Did the emissions unit use reasonable precautions during the last inspection? -----  Yes  No  
 If not: a. Did the inspector perform a general VE test (20% opacity)? -----  N/A  Yes  No  
 b. If tested: (NA)% opacity. Were the visible emissions < 20% opacity? -----  N/A  Yes  No  
 c. What caused the problem(s) (if known)? NA

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- 1) paving and maintenance of roads, parking areas, stock piles, and yards? -----  Yes  No
  - 2) application of water or environmentally safe dust-suppressant chemicals when necessary to control emissions? -----  Yes  No
  - 3) removal of particulate matter from roads and other paved areas under control of the owner/operator to re-entrainment, and from building or work areas to reduce airborne particulate matter? -----  Yes  No
  - 4) reduction of stock pile height, or installation of wind breaks to mitigate wind entrainment of particulate matter from stock piles? -----  Yes  No
- b. Use of spray bar, chute, or partial enclosure to mitigate emissions at the drop point to the truck? ----  Yes  No
2. If reasonable precautions not being taken:
- a. Did the inspector perform a general VE test (20% opacity)? -----  N/A  Yes  No
  - b. If tested: (NA)% opacity. Were the visible emissions < 20% opacity? -----  N/A  Yes  No
  - c. What caused the problem(s) (if known)? NA

## Facility Section (continued)

### CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL PERMIT ELIGIBILITY

(check  only one  
box for each question)

1. Does this facility keep records to show that it does not have the potential to emit:
  - a. 10 tons per year or more of any hazardous air pollutant? -----  Yes  No
  - b. 25 tons per year or more of any combination of hazardous air pollutants? -----  Yes  No
  - c. 100 tons per year or more of any other regulated air pollutant? -----  Yes  No
  
2. Does this facility include:
  - a. Any emission units or activities not covered by the applicable air general permit (with the exception of units and activities that are exempt from permitting pursuant to subsection Rule 62-210.300(3) or Rule 62-4.040, F.A.C.)? -----  Yes  No  
 If YES, what non-exempt units or activities? NA
  
  - b. Any emissions units or activities authorized by another air general permit where such other air general permit and this general permit specifically allow the use of one another at the same facility? -----  Yes  No  
 If YES, what other general permit units or activities? NA
  
3. Is the total combined annual facility-wide fuel usage of all plants less than or equal to:
  - a. 275,000 gallons of diesel fuel? -----  Yes  No
  - b. 23,000 gallons of gasoline? -----  Yes  No
  - c. 44 million standard cubic feet on natural gas? -----  Yes  No
  - d. 1.3 million gallons of propane? -----  Yes  No
  - e. Or an equivalent prorated amount if multiple fuels are used onsite (use equation below)? -----  Yes  No
$$\frac{\text{gal diesel/yr}}{275,000 \text{ gal diesel/yr}} + \frac{\text{gal gasoline/yr}}{23,000 \text{ gal gasoline/yr}} + \frac{\text{MM SCF nat. gas/yr}}{44 \text{ MM SCF nat. gas/yr}} + \frac{\text{MM gal propane/yr}}{1.3 \text{ MM gal propane/yr}} \leq 1.00?$$
  
4. Has the owner/operator maintained, available for inspection, site-wide records of monthly fuel consumption for each consecutive 12-period for the past 5 years? -----  Yes  No

**Note: Permit Eligibility Part 3. (a)(b)(c)(d)(e) and Part 4 are not applicable for this facility at this time.**

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

(check  only one  
box for each question)

1. Has the owner or operator allowed the circumvention of any air pollution control device, or allowed the emission of air pollutants without the proper operation of all applicable air pollution control devices? -----  Yes  No
2. Does the owner or operator:
  - a. Maintain the authorized facility in good condition? -----  Yes  No
  - b. Ensure that the facility maintains its eligibility to use the air general permit and complies with all terms and conditions of the air general permit? -----  Yes  No
3. Has the owner or operator allowed you, as the duly authorized representative of the Department, access to the facility at reasonable times to inspect and test and to determine compliance with the air general permit and Department rules? -----  Yes  No

**RELOCATABLE PLANT:**

(check  only one box for each question)

1. Is the facility: stationary ; relocatable ; or consisting of both stationary and relocatable  concrete batching and/or nonmetallic mineral processing plants? *(If only stationary, skip the following question 2.)*
2. Is the relocatable concrete batching plant used to mix cement and soil for onsite soil augmentation or stabilization? -----  Yes  No  
*(If YES, answer 2. a and 2. b; if NO, answer question 2.c below. )*
  - a. Did the owner or operator notify the appropriate Department or Local Air Program by telephone, e-mail, fax, or written communication at least one business day prior to changing location? -----  Yes  No
  - b. Did the owner or operator transmit a Facility Relocation Notification Form [DEP No. 62-210.900(6)] to the Department or Local Air Program no later than five business days following a relocation? ----  Yes  No
  - c. Did the owner or operator transmit a Facility Relocation Notification Form [DEP No. 62-210.900(6)] to the appropriate Department or Local Air Program at least five business days prior to relocation? ---  Yes  No
3. If the relocatable plant was co-located at a facility with a separate air construction or air operation permit, and the relocatable batch plant is not included as an emissions unit in that separate permit:
  - a. Was the relocatable batch plant being used for a non-routine purpose (i.e, there is no repeated usage)?  Yes  No  
 If YES, what was the purpose?
  - b. Were records kept by the owner/operator to indicate how long it was co-located at the permitted facility? -----  Yes  No  
 If YES, were any periods more than 6 months in duration? -----  Yes  No

**Note: Relocatable Plant Part 2. (a)(b)(c) and Part 3. (a)(b) are not applicable for this facility at this time.**

**CHANGES**

(check  only one box for each question)

Administrative Changes:

1. Were there any changes in the name, address, or phone number of the facility or authorized representative not associated with a change in ownership or with a physical relocation of the facility or any emissions units or operations comprising the facility; or any other similar minor administrative change at the facility? ----  Yes  No
2. If YES, did the facility provide written notification within 30 days of the change? -----  N/A  Yes  No

New or Modified Process Equipment or Change in Ownership:

3. Since the last registration form submittal has there been
  - a. Installation of any new process equipment? -----  Yes  No
  - b. Alterations to existing process equipment without replacement? -----  Yes  No
  - c. Replacement of existing equipment with equipment that is substantially different? -----  Yes  No
  - d. A change in ownership? -----  Yes  No
4. If the answer to any question 3a. – d. is YES, was a new registration form and the appropriate fee submitted 30 days prior to the change? -----  N/A  Yes  No

C. Mark Sumner

2/1/2012

Inspector's Name (Please Print)

Date of Inspection



February 2013

Inspector's Signature

Approximate Date of Next Inspection

**COMMENTS:** Department personnel conducted an air program compliance inspection on February 1, 2012.

The annual VE test was performed 3/16/2011 by Arlington Environmental Services for both the Cement and Fly ash silos. A VE was not performed for the weighhopper or batching as there are no emission control devices except the enclosure and spray bar.

Records of the air permit, VE tests, amount of material used, and weekly plant maintenance/inspection check list are maintained and available for review.

The facility does not need to maintain records on fuel sulfur content or amounts as plant is powered by off site generated electricity.

An observation of the site revealed that each silo is equipped with a bag house, the batcher is equipped with a spray bar and curtains, the aggregate piles are managed and kept wet, and the majority of the site has been paved with the dust levels managed with frequent wash downs.

A review of the facility records from January 2011 to December 2011 revealed that this plant has batched about 6000 yards of concrete from January to December 2011.