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February 25, 2003

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Mr. Donny Masterson, President  
North Idaho Metal Works, Inc.  
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St. Maries, ID 83861

RE: AIRs Facility No. 009-00032 North Idaho Metal Works, Inc., St. Maries  
Issuance of PTC

Dear Mr. Masterson:

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (Department) is issuing modified Permit to Construct (PTC) Number 009-00032 to North Idaho Metal Works in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.200 through 223 (*Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho*). This PTC is effective immediately and is based on your permit application received on July 22, 2002.

This permit does not release North Idaho Metal Works, Inc. from compliance with all other applicable federal, state, or local laws, regulations, permits, or ordinances.

Please pay particular attention to the reporting requirements contained in Paragraph 5 of the General Provisions section of the permit. This information is needed to properly track the progress of the permit. Please include the appropriate permit number when submitting reports required in the Reporting Requirements section of the permit.

Mr. Tom Harman of the Coeur d' Alene Regional Office will contact you regarding a meeting with the Department to discuss the permit terms and requirements. In addition to your facility's plant manager, the Department recommends the following representatives attend the meeting: your responsible official, environmental contact, and any operations staff responsible for day-to-day compliance with the permit conditions.

In addition to the responsibility to obtain this Permit to Construct to legally operate, you have a responsibility to comply with the Operating Permit requirements specified by IDAPA 58.01.300 (*Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho*). The September 23, 1999 cover letter for your Permit to Construct informed you of your responsibility to submit a Tier I operating permit application by June 1, 2000. The Department did not receive this application.

Your facility is operating in apparent violation of the *Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho*. At this time the Department is requesting that you comply with IDAPA 58.01.313.01.e, which specifies that you either submit a Tier I operating permit application or register your operations in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.313.01.f and defer the requirement to submit a Tier I operating permit application until

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June 1, 2005. Please be aware that, in accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.313.01.e, in order to defer the requirement to submit a Tier I operating permit application your facility must have been registered by May 1, 2001. Even though this deadline has passed the Department will defer the requirement to submit a Tier I operating permit application until June 1, 2005, provided you promptly register your sources by following the requirements of IDAPA 58.01.01.313.f.

You, as well as any other entity, may have the right to appeal this final agency action pursuant to IDAPA 58.01.23 (*Rules of Administrative Procedure Before the Board of Environmental Quality*). A petition may be filed with the Hearings Coordinator, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, within 35 days of the date of this decision. However, the Department encourages you to contact us to discuss any concerns you may have with the enclosed permit prior to filing a petition for a contested case.

If you have any questions, please contact Dan Salgado at 373-0431 or [dsalgado@deq.state.id.us](mailto:dsalgado@deq.state.id.us).

Sincerely,



C. Stephen Allred, Director  
Department of Environmental Quality

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**Air Quality  
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT**

State of Idaho  
Department of Environmental Quality

PERMIT NO.: 009-00032

AQCR: 62

CLASS: B

SIC: 3471

ZONE: 11

UTM COORDINATE (km): 533.0 , 5241.1

**1. PERMITTEE**

North Idaho Metal Works

**2. PROJECT**

Hard Chromium Electroplating

**3. MAILING ADDRESS**

200 Meadow Hurst

**CITY**

Saint Maries

**STATE**

Idaho

**ZIP**

83861

**4. FACILITY CONTACT**

Donny L. Masterson

**TITLE**

President

**TELEPHONE**

(208) 245-7104

**5. RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL**

Donny L. Masterson

**TITLE**

President

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**6. EXACT PLANT LOCATION**

200 Meadowhurst Drive

**COUNTY**

Benewah

**7. GENERAL NATURE OF BUSINESS & KINDS OF PRODUCTS**

Metal Fabrication

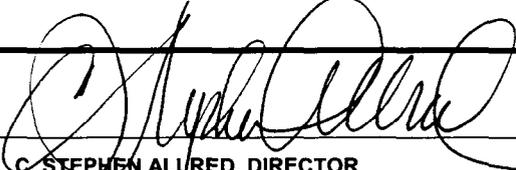
**8. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

This permit is issued according to IDAPA 58.01.01.200, *Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho*, and pertains only to emissions of air contaminants regulated by the state of Idaho and to the sources specifically allowed to be constructed by this permit.

This permit (a) does not affect the title of the premises upon which the equipment is to be located; (b) does not release the permittee from any liability for any loss due to damage to person or property caused by, resulting from, or arising out of the design, installation, maintenance, or operation of the proposed equipment; (c) does not release the permittee from compliance with other applicable federal, state, tribal, or local laws, regulations, or ordinances; (d) in no manner implies or suggests that the Department of Environmental Quality or its officers, agents, or employees, assume any liability, directly or indirectly, for any loss due to damage to person or property caused by, resulting from, or arising out of design, installation, maintenance, or operation of the proposed equipment.

This permit is not transferable to another person, place, or piece or set of equipment. This permit will expire if construction has not begun within two years of its issue date or if construction is suspended for one year.

This permit has been granted on the basis of design information presented with its application. Changes of design or equipment may require Department approval pursuant to, IDAPA 58.01.01.200, et seq.

  
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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# Acronyms, Units, and Chemical Nomenclature

AFS	AIRS Facility Subsystem
AIRS	Aerometric Information Retrieval System
AQCR	Air Quality Control Region
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CO	carbon monoxide
Department	Department of Environmental Quality
dscf	dry standard cubic feet
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
gpm	gallons per minute
HAPs	hazardous air pollutants
IDAPA	a numbering designation for all administrative rules in Idaho promulgated in accordance with the Idaho Administrative Procedures Act
lb/hr	pound per hour
MACT	Maximum Achievable Control Technology
NESHAP	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants
PM	particulate matter
PM <sub>10</sub>	particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers
ppm	parts per million
PSD	prevention of significant deterioration
PTC	permit to construct
<i>Rules</i>	<i>Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho</i>
scf	standard cubic feet
SIC	Standard Industrial Classification
µg/m <sup>3</sup>	micrograms per cubic meter

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**1. PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT SCOPE**

***Purpose***

This PTC incorporates the following permit:

- PTC No. 009-00032, issued September 23, 1999

***Regulated Sources***

Table 1.1 lists all sources of regulated emissions in this PTC.

**Table 1.1 REGULATED EMISSIONS SOURCES**

<b>Permit Sections</b>	<b>Source Description</b>	<b>Emissions Control(s)</b>
2.0	2-Hard Chromium Electroplating tanks	Composite Mesh Pad
2.0	Caustic Cleaning Tank	Composite Mesh Pad

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**2. CHROMIUM ELECTROPLATING PROCESS**

**2.1 Process Description**

The primary purpose of the two hard chromium electroplating tanks is to deposit a relatively thick layer of chromium on a base metal to provide the surface wear resistance, low coefficient of friction, hardness, and corrosion resistance, or to build up surfaces that have been eroded with use. Prior to electroplating base metals are cleaned in a caustic-cleaning tank.

**2.2 Emissions Control Description**

Emissions from the both electroplating tanks and the caustic cleaning tank are controlled by a composite mesh pad mist eliminator system.

**Table 2.1 Chromium Electroplating Process Tanks**

<b>Emissions Unit(s) / Process(es)</b>	<b>Emissions Control Device</b>	<b>Emissions Point</b>
2-Hard Chromium Electroplating Tanks	Composite Mesh Pad	Composite Mesh Pad Stack
Caustic Cleaning Tanks		

***Emissions Limits***

**2.3 Emissions Limits**

Total chromium emissions from the two chromium electroplating tanks shall not exceed 0.015 milligrams per dry standard cubic meter (0.015 mg/dscm) in accordance with 40 CFR 63.342(c).

**2.4 Opacity Limit**

Emissions from the hard chromium electroplating stack, or any other stack, vent, or functionally equivalent opening associated with the facility, shall not exceed 20% opacity for a period or periods aggregating more than three minutes in any 60-minute period as required by IDAPA 58.01.01.625. Opacity shall be determined by the procedures contained in IDAPA 58.01.01.625.

***Operating Requirements***

**2.5 Chromium Concentration**

Chromium concentration in the two electroplating tanks shall not exceed 36 ounces per gallon.

**2.6 Work Place Standards**

At all times, including periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction, owners or operators shall operate and maintain the chromium electroplating tank, and associated air pollution control devices and monitoring equipment, in a manner consistent with good air pollution control practices (40 CFR 63.342), and consistent with the operation and maintenance plan required by Section 2.7 of this permit and in accordance with 40 CFR 63.342(f)(3).

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**2.7 Operation and Maintenance Plan**

Prior to operation of the hard chromium electroplating tank, the owner or operator shall prepare an operation and maintenance plan to be implemented upon startup in accordance with 40 CFR 63.342(f)(3). The operation and maintenance plan shall include the following elements:

- The plan shall specify the operation and maintenance criteria for the chromium electroplating tank, the composite mesh pad air pollution control device, and the process and control system monitoring equipment and shall include a standardized checklist to document the operation and maintenance of the equipment.
- The plan shall incorporate the following practice standards for the composite mesh-pad system in accordance with 40 CFR 63.340, Table 1: quarterly, visually inspect device to ensure there is proper drainage, no chromic acid buildup on the pads, and no evidence of chemical attack on the structural integrity of the device; quarterly, visually inspect back portion of the mesh pad closest to the fan to ensure there is no breakthrough of chromic acid mist; quarterly, visually inspect ductwork from the tank to the control device to ensure there are no leaks; perform wash down of the composite mesh-pads in accordance with manufacturers recommendations.
- If the specific equipment used is not identified in 40 CFR 63.340, Table 1, the plan shall incorporate proposed work practice standards. These proposed work practice standards shall be submitted to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (Department) for approval as part of the submittal required under 40 CFR 63.343(d).
- The plan shall specify procedures to be followed to ensure that equipment or process malfunctions due to poor maintenance or other preventable conditions do not occur.
- The plan shall include a systematic procedure for identifying malfunctions of process equipment, add-on air pollution control devices, and process and control system monitoring equipment, and for implementing corrective action for such events.
- If the operation and maintenance plan fails to address, or inadequately addresses, an event that meets the characteristics of a malfunction at the time the plan is initially developed, the owner or operator shall revise the operation and maintenance plan within 45 days after such an event occurs. The revised plan shall include procedures for operating and maintaining the process equipment, add-on air pollution control device, or monitoring equipment during similar malfunction events, and a program for corrective action for such events.
- If actions taken by the owner or operator during periods of malfunction are inconsistent with the procedures specified in the operation and maintenance plan required by Section 2.7 of this permit and by 40 CFR 63.342(f) 3, the owner or operator shall record the actions taken for that event and shall report by phone to the Department such actions *within two working days after commencing action inconsistent with the plan*. This report shall be followed by a letter to the Department within seven working days after the end of the event in accordance with 40 CFR 342(f)(3)(iv).
- The owner or operator shall keep the written operation and maintenance plan on record after it is developed to be made available for inspection, upon request, by Department representatives for the life of the affected source. In addition, if the operation and maintenance plan is revised, the owner or operator shall keep previous (i.e. superseded) versions of the operation and maintenance plan on record to be made available for inspection, upon request, by the Administrator of EPA and the Department for a period of five years after each revision to the plan.

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**2.8 Start Up, Shutdown, and Malfunction Plan**

The owner or operator shall develop and implement a written startup, shutdown, and malfunction plan that describes, in detail, procedures for operating and maintaining the source during periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction and a program of corrective action for malfunctioning process and air pollution control equipment used to comply with Section 2.3 of this permit in accordance with 40 CFR 63.6(e)(3).

**2.9 Pressure Drop**

During the initial performance test required in Section 2.15 of this permit to demonstrate compliance with Section 2.3 of this permit, the Permittee shall establish site-specific operating parameters for pressure drop across the composite mesh pad in accordance with 40 CFR 63.343(c)(1). The composite mesh-pad, and the control device installed upstream of the fiber bed to prevent plugging, shall be operated within plus or minus one inch of water column of the pressure drop value established during the initial performance test, or shall be operated within the range of compliant values for pressure drop established during multiple performance tests in accordance with 40 CFR 63.343(c)(1)(ii).

**2.10 Use of Wetting Agents**

In accordance with 40 CFR 63.343(c)(5), if a wetting agent is used during the initial performance test to demonstrate compliance with Section 2.3 of this permit, the owner or operator shall establish the site-specific operating parameter for the surface tension of the bath using Method 306B, Appendix A of 40 CFR 63, setting the maximum value that corresponds to comply with Section 2.3 of this permit. In lieu of establishing the maximum surface tension during the performance test, the owner or operator may accept 45 dynes/cm as the maximum surface tension value that corresponds to compliance.

**2.11 Site-Specific Operation Parameters**

The permittee shall develop a report which contains the site-specific operating parameters established pursuant to Section 2.9 and 2.10 of this permit. This report shall be maintained on-site and made available to Department representatives upon request.

**2.12 Reasonable Control of Fugitive Emissions**

All reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent PM from becoming airborne as required in IDAPA 58.01.01.651. In determining what is reasonable, considerations will be given to factors such as the proximity of dust-emitting operations to human habitations and/or activities and atmospheric conditions that might affect the movement of PM. Some of the reasonable precautions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Use, where practical, of water or chemicals for control of dust in the demolition of existing buildings or structures, construction operations, the grading of roads, or the clearing of lands.
- Application, where practical, of asphalt, oil, water or suitable chemicals to, or covering of dirt roads, material stockpiles, and other surfaces which can create dust.
- Installation and use, where practical, of hoods, fans and fabric filters or equivalent systems to enclose and vent the handling of dusty materials. Adequate containment methods should be employed during sandblasting or other operations.
- Covering, where practical, of open-bodied trucks transporting materials likely to give rise to airborne dusts.

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- Paving of roadways and their maintenance in a clean condition, where practical.
- Prompt removal of earth or other stored material from streets, where practical.

**2.13 Air Pollution Emergency Rules**

The permittee shall comply with the Air Pollution Emergency Rules in IDAPA 58.01.01.550-562.

***Monitoring and Recordkeeping Requirements***

**2.14 Chromium Monitoring**

Chromium concentrations in the electroplating tanks shall be monitored either prior to or after addition of chromium to either tank.

If chromium concentrations in the tank are monitored after chromium is added to the tank the final concentration of chromium in the tank shall be recorded in ounces of chromium per gallon.

If chromium concentrations in the tank are monitored prior to addition of chromium to the tank the permittee shall calculate the amount of chromium to be added to the tank so that the final chromium concentration in the tank does not exceed 36 ounces per gallon as specified by Section 2.5 of this permit. The permittee shall maintain the following records if monitoring occurs prior to addition of chromium to the tank:

- Volume of solution in the tank.
- Concentration of chromium in the tank prior to adding chromium to the tank. The concentration shall be recorded in ounces of chromium per gallon.
- Chromium concentration in percent by weight in the solution which will be added the tank
- Calculations which show the amount of chromium solution by weight that may be added to the tank so that the final concentration of chromium in the tank does not exceed 36 ounces per gallon.
- Records shall be maintained on how much chromium was added to the tank and the calculated final concentration of chromium in the tank in ounces per gallon.

**2.15 Performance Test**

A performance test shall be conducted to determine compliance with the chromium emission limitations of Section 2.3 of this permit. The performance test shall be conducted in accordance with 40 CFR 63.7, 40 CFR 63.344, and IDAPA 58.01.01.157. Notwithstanding General Provision 6 of this permit, the performance test shall be conducted within 180 days of startup of the new electroplating tank in accordance with 40 CFR 63.7

**2.16 Pressure Drop Monitoring**

On and after the date on which the initial performance test is required to be completed the owner or operator shall monitor once each day that the source operates the pressure drop across the composite mesh-pad system in accordance with 40 CFR 63.343(c)(1)(ii) and Section 2.9 of this permit.

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A compilation of the most recent five years of records shall be kept onsite and shall be made available to Department representatives upon request.

Use of alternative monitoring methods may be used but shall be considered and approved in writing in accordance with 40 CFR 63.343(c)(8).

**2.17 Surface Tension**

If a wetting agent is used during the initial performance test to demonstrate compliance with Section 2.3 of this permit, the owner or operator shall monitor the surface tension of the electroplating bath. Operation of the affected source at a surface tension greater than the value established during the performance test, or greater than 45 dynes/cm if the owner or operator is using this value in accordance with 40 CFR 63.343(c)(5)(I), shall constitute noncompliance with Section 2.3 of this permit. The surface tension shall be monitored according to the following schedule:

The Surface tension shall be measured once every four hours during operation of the tank with a stalagmometer or tensiometer as specified in Method 306B, Appendix A of 40 CFR 63.

The time between monitoring can be increased if there have been no exceedances. The surface tension shall be measured once every four hours of tank operation for the first 40 hours of tank operation after the compliance date. Once there are no exceedances during 40 hours of tank operation, surface tension measurement may be conducted once every eight hours of tank operation. Once there are no exceedances during 40 hours of tank operation, surface tension measurement may be conducted once every 40 hours of tank operation on an ongoing basis, until exceedance occurs. The minimum frequency of monitoring allowed by 40 CFR 63.340 is once every four hours of tank operation.

Once an exceedance occurs as indicated through surface tension monitoring, the original monitoring schedule of once every four hours must be resumed. A subsequent decrease in frequency shall follow the schedule described previously.

Once a bath solution is drained from the affected tank and a new solution added, the original monitoring schedule of once every four hours must be resumed, with a decrease in frequency allowed following the schedule described previously.

**2.18 Fugitive Dust Monitoring**

The permittee shall conduct a quarterly facility-wide inspection of potential sources of fugitive emissions, during daylight hours and under normal operating conditions to ensure that the methods used to reasonably control fugitive emissions are effective. If fugitive emissions are not being reasonably controlled, the permittee shall take corrective action as expeditiously as practicable. The permittee shall maintain records of the results of each quarterly fugitive emission inspection. The records shall include, at a minimum, the date of each inspection and a description of the following: the permittee's assessment of the conditions existing at the time fugitive emissions were present (if observed), any corrective action taken in response to the fugitive emissions, and the date the corrective action was taken.

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***Reporting Requirements***

**2.19 Compliance Test Protocol**

The permittee is encouraged to submit a test protocol to the Department for approval at least 30 days prior to the compliance test required in Permit Condition 2.15 to the Department for approval at least 30 days prior to the test days. If the permittee fails to obtain prior written approval by the Department for any testing deviations, the Department may determine that the test does not satisfy the testing requirements.

**2.20 Compliance Test Report**

The permittee shall submit a report of the results of the compliance test required in Permit Condition 2.15, including all required process data, to the Department within 30 days after the date on which the stack sampling is concluded.

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**3. PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. The permittee has a continuing duty to comply with all terms and conditions of this permit. All emissions authorized herein shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit and the *Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho*. The emissions of any pollutant in excess of the limitations specified herein, or noncompliance with any other condition or limitation contained in this permit, shall constitute a violation of this permit and the *Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho*, and the Environmental Protection and Health Act, Idaho Code §39-101, et seq., and the permittee is subject to penalties for each day of noncompliance.
2. The permittee shall at all times (except as provided in the *Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho*) maintain in good working order and operate as efficiently as practicable, all treatment or control facilities or systems installed or used to achieve compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit and other applicable Idaho laws for the control of air pollution.
3. The permittee shall allow the Director, and/or the authorized representative(s), upon the presentation of credentials:
  - To enter, at reasonable times, upon the premises where an emissions source is located, or in which any records are required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit.
  - At reasonable times, to have access to and copy any records required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit, to inspect any monitoring methods required in this permit, and require stack compliance testing in conformance with IDAPA 58.01.01.157 when deemed appropriate by the Director.
4. Nothing in this permit is intended to relieve or exempt the permittee from compliance with any applicable federal, state, or local law or regulation, except as specifically provided herein.
5. The permittee shall notify the Department, in writing, of the required information for the following events within five working days after occurrence:
  - Initiation of Construction - Date
  - Completion/Cessation of Construction - Date
  - Actual Production Startup - Date
  - Initial Date of Achieving Maximum Production Rate - Production Rate and Date
6. *If compliance testing is specified, the permittee must schedule and perform such testing within 60 days after achieving the maximum production rate, and not later than 180 days after initial startup. This requirement shall be construed as an ongoing requirement. The permittee shall not operate the source without testing within 180 days. If testing is not conducted within 180 days after initial startup, then each day of operation thereafter without the required compliance test constitutes a violation. Such testing must **strictly** adhere to the procedures outlined in IDAPA 58.01.01.157 and shall not be conducted on weekends or state holidays without prior written approval from the Department. Testing procedures and specific time limitations may be modified by the Department by prior negotiation if conditions warrant adjustment. The Department shall be notified at least 15 days prior to the scheduled compliance test. Any records or data generated as a result of such compliance test shall be made available to the Department upon request.*

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The maximum allowable operating rate shall be limited to 120% of the average operating rate attained during any compliance test period, for which a test protocol has been granted prior approval by the Department, unless (1) the test demonstrates noncompliance; (2) a more restrictive operating limit is specified elsewhere in this permit; or (3) at such an operating rate, emissions would exceed any emissions limit(s) set forth in this permit.

7. The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit to any circumstance is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit, shall not be affected thereby.
8. In accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.123, all documents submitted to the department, including, but not limited to, records, monitoring data, supporting information, requests for confidential treatment, testing reports, or compliance certification shall contain a certification by a responsible official. The certification shall state that, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in the document(s) are true, accurate, and complete.