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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATES ALLEGATIONS AGAINST OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ASPHALT SUPPLIER
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The inspector general has issued a report of investigation today initiated after a complaint was received by the Ohio Department of Transportation and then forwarded to the Ohio Inspector General. A former employee at an asphalt plant in Tiffin alleged the owner of the plant was providing substandard asphalt used for paving state roadways.

In an initial interview, the complainant alleged he and other employees were directed to mix an increased amount of recycled asphalt and lower-grade binders into the asphalt used to pave state roadways in Ohio Department of Transportation District 2, based in Bowling Green. An analysis of records subpoenaed from the chemical companies supplying binder to the asphalt plant showed the volume of binder delivered properly correlated to the amount of asphalt the plant provided for the state paving projects.

The complainant had provided names of other employees at the plant who could corroborate his claims. However, all of the identified employees failed to respond to requests for interviews with the inspector general. The complainant also refused to be interviewed a second time.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation File Number 2014-CA00071 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/Investigations/2015Investigations.aspx>

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