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OHIO INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATION FINDS OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
VENDOR SUBSTITUTED AN INFERIOR PAINT PRODUCT FOR USE ON BRIDGES
Columbus, Ohio, May 2, 2019

The Office of the Ohio Inspector General issued a report of investigation today after investigating a complaint alleging that Lloyd Rebar Co. was using a substandard epoxy coating on steel reinforcements for bridge construction and was concealing the paint cans prior to the arrival of Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) inspectors during scheduled inspections.

Investigators conducted an unannounced site visit at Lloyd Rebar Co. with ODOT inspectors and discovered a one-gallon can of green paint in plain view. An employee of Lloyd Rebar identified the paint as the epoxy being used to touch up marred rebar at construction sites. After testing the paint, investigators determined that the product did not meet contract specifications for bridge construction projects. Lloyd Rebar Co. claimed they were unable to obtain the proper coating material due to federal regulations and because the company was not an approved distributor by the manufacturer of the product.

The Office of the Ohio Inspector General made recommendations to ODOT to conduct unannounced site inspections of vendors and to determine if any financial penalties were warranted against Lloyd Rebar Co. for failing to comply with the contract.

The Ohio Department of Transportation removed Lloyd Rebar Co. from the ODOT Certified Supplier Program for a minimum of six months.

Ohio Inspector General Report of Investigation file number 2018-CA00023 is now available at:
<http://watchdog.ohio.gov/investigations/2019investigations.aspx>

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