

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY BAY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE



SRN: A6444, Sanilac County

January 12, 2023

VIA EMAIL ONLY

Janet Brown Midwest Rubber Company 3525 Rangeline Road Deckerville, Michigan 48427

Dear Janet Brown:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On December 14, 2022, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), had a follow up discussion with staff associated with Midwest Rubber Company located at 3525 Rangeline Road, Deckerville, Michigan regarding a previous violation notice dated May 24, 2022, and comments on current recordkeeping. The purpose of this discussion was to determine Midwest Rubber Company's compliance with the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act; Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451), and the Air Pollution Control Rules.

Upon review, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Cell #2 – Chlorination of rubber products process	Rule 201	Operating without a permit to install

On December 14, 2022, it was determined after speaking with company staff and reviewing records previously provided to address recordkeeping issues, that emission unit Cell #2 was in operation under an exemption that was not applicable. It was concluded that Cell #2 was operating without a permit to install, and this is a violation of Rule 201.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by February 2, 2023 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violation occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violation; whether the violation is ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violation and the dates by which these actions will take place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

Please submit the written response to EGLE, AQD, Bay City District, at 401 Ketchum Street, Suite B, Bay City, Michigan 48708 and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri,

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Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Midwest Rubber Company believes the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute violations of the applicable legal requirements cited, please provide appropriate factual information to explain your position.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violation cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Midwest Rubber Company. If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Adam Shaffer

Environmental Quality Analyst

Air Quality Division 989-225-4789

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