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AIR QUALITY DIVISION GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT

RE:

Response to May 26, 2015 Violation Notice concerning the Grand Rapids facility

Ms. Lazzaro:

Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc. ("Rieth-Riley") is in receipt of your Violation Notice ("NOV") dated May 26, 2015 concerning silo load-out controls at the Rieth-Riley facility in Grand Rapids located at 2020 Chicago Drive SW, Wyoming, MI. The notice indicated a "Failure to properly operate the silo load-out control" citing PTI No. 96-96A Special Condition III.1.

Rieth-Riley denies that there has been a Violation of Special Condition III.1 as cited in the Violation Notice. Section III.1 states "The permittee shall not operate any silo in EUSILOS unless the emission capture system for the top of the storage silo is installed, maintained, and operated in a satisfactory manner." The top of silo emissions capture system was installed prior to plant start-up, and was operational throughout this period.

Regarding "Failure to properly operate the silo load-out control", Rieth-Riley acknowledges that a section of duct in that system partially collapsed prior to the inspection, on or about April 30th. Local contractors began work to fabricate and replace the damaged section beginning the week of May 4th, with all worked completed May 21st. Plant Supervisor Clay Park called MDEQ to confirm repairs on May 29th.

Rieth-Riley expends considerable time and effort in training and monitoring to ensure compliance with all environmental rules. All emissions control equipment is expected to be maintained and operated in compliance with Permit conditions.

Please contact me at (574) 875-5183 if you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully,

RIFTH-RILEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC

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