

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY



DETROIT DISTRICT OFFICE

February 19, 2021

SRN: B3259, Wayne County

Mr. Alex Evans, Plant Superintendent Metropolitan Alloys Corporation 17385 Ryan Road Detroit, MI 48212

Dear Mr. Evans:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On October 1, 2020, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Metropolitan Alloys located at 17385 Ryan, Detroit, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Metropolitan Alloys' 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); the Air Pollution Control Rules; and the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) number 30-08B.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
FGFURNACES- Furnace	PTI No. 30-08B,	The amount of flux used per batch
30	Special Condition II.2	in Furnace 30 exceeded the permit limit of 60 pounds per batch on
	R 336.1224	several occasions during July 2019
	R 336.1225	through December 2020.
		The highest amount of flux used per batch was 125 pounds per batch.
FGFURNACES- Furnace 80	PTI No. 30-08B, Special Condition II.2 R 336.1224 R 336.1225	The amount of flux used per batch in Furnace 80 exceeded the permit limit of 90 pounds per batch on several occasions during July 2019 through December 2020.
		The highest amount of flux used per batch was 125 pounds per batch.

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FGFURNACES	PTI No. 30-08B,	Metropolitan Alloys provided the
	Special Condition II.1.	MSDS for the flux, which shows
	•	that the flux may contain more than
	R 336.1224	15% by weight sodium
	R 336.1225	fluorosilicate.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by March 12, 2021 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violations occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; whether the violations are ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations 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, Detroit District, at 3058 West Grand Boulevard, Suite 2-300, Detroit, Michigan 48202 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Metropolitan Alloys 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 violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Metropolitan Alloys. If you have any questions regarding the violations or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Jorge Acevedo

Senior Environmental Engineer

Air Quality Division 313-418-0187

cc: Mr. Paul Max, City of Detroit, BSEED

Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE

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