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SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

June 15, 2016

Mr. Mark Boden  
Ajax Materials Corporation  
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Troy, Michigan 48084

SRN: B4138, Macomb County

Dear Mr. Boden:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On June 8, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Ajax Materials, located at 26400 Sherwood Avenue, Warren, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Ajax Materials' 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 administrative rules; the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) No. 50-96E; and to investigate a recent complaint that the DEQ, AQD, received on June 8, 2016, regarding black smoke and foul odors attributed to Ajax Materials' operations.

During the inspection, staff of the AQD observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Areas adjacent to and associated with the equipment operations involved in the manufacture of Hot Mix Asphalt	Appendix C, Condition 2.a. of PTI 50-96E	The paved plant roads were not treated with water, vacuumed, or swept frequently enough, or in the proper manner, to minimize the introduction of dust into ambient air and track-out onto Sherwood Avenue.

Staff of the AQD detected definite and distinct objectionable odors along Lawrence Avenue, between Bernice Avenue and Helen Street, less than a half mile from Ajax Materials. In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the odors that were observed were of sufficient intensity and duration for a violation of Rule 901. The frequency of odors; however, has not been established to warrant a Rule 901 violation at this time. Should odor complaints attributed to Ajax Materials continue to be verified by AQD staff, a Rule 901 violation could be issued at a future date.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by July 6, 2016 (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.

If Ajax Materials Corporation 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 Ajax Materials. If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring Ajax Materials into compliance, please contact me at the telephone number listed below.

Sincerely,



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