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KALAMAZOO DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

September 18, 2023

Steve Kempkers
Thermatron Industries
836 Brooks Avenue
Holland, Michigan 49423

SRN: B5233, Allegan County

Dear Steve Kempkers:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On July 18, 2023, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Thermatron industries located at 836 Brooks Avenue, Holland, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Thermatron Industries 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 571-90;

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Metal Painting Booths	Special Condition 18	Staff identified two coatings/solvents that have been substituted from the permit application material and have not been approved by the Air Quality Division for use. These substituted materials appear to have an appreciable change in either quality or quantity. The two identified coating materials that that had an appreciable change to an air contaminate are CN1156202 – Paint Primer Gray and CN 554259S – 1489184. The CN1156202 – Paint Primer Gray contains ethylbenzene which is an air contaminate that does have IRSL and SRSL air toxic screening levels, which none of the permit application materials contained. The CN 554259S – 1489184 material contains toluene that has a weight percent of 52.14%, this is about 3.6 times greater than the weight percent of the toluene used in the permit application material Nitrocellulose Lacquer Enamel.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by October 9, 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 Cody Yazzie at EGLE, AQD, Kalamazoo District, at 7953 Adobe Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009 or YazzieC@michigan.gov and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Thermotron Industries 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 Thermotron Industries. 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,



Cody Yazzie
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Air Quality Division
269-312-2754

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