



COOPERATIVE ELEVATOR CO.

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BRANCHES AT: AKRON • BAD AXE • ELKTON • FAIRGROVE • GAGETOWN • NORTH BRANCH • RUTH • SEBEWAING

ISO 9001:2008 REGISTERED and HACCP CERTIFIED BRANCHES:

Bean Department – Pigeon • Colored Bean Plant – Pigeon • Navy Bean Plant – Elkton • Wheat Processing Plant – Elkton

Patricia Anderson
President and C.E.O.
Cooperative Elevator Co..

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Saginaw Bay

February 28, 2014

Ms. Gina McCann
MDEQ/AQD
Saginaw Bay District Office
Bay City, MI 48706

This letter is in response to the Violation Notice Dated February 13, 2014, regarding our Ruth, MI location, SRN D7844, in Huron County, at 4600 S. Ruth Road.

As identified in the Violation Notice, the Cooperative Elevator Co. began construction on a project in the summer of 2013 and did not file a 30-day initial notification to your Department. At the time of the project starting, we were not aware of the rules and regulations regarding the notification. In the fall of 2013 Burt Eichler of Cooperative Elevator contacted you to discuss our regulatory obligations and we met in November to discuss those obligations. Since that time, with your assistance and cooperation, we now understand our needs regarding notifications and ongoing emissions reporting. In accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 60.7 (a) (1) we are hereby notifying the Agency that we initiated construction on or about June 15, 2013.

Going forward,, we have retained a consultant familiar with these regulations to assist us in our compliance efforts. We have ordered additional pollution control equipment which we anticipate will arrive for installation to be completed on or about July 1. We further anticipate emissions testing to confirm our compliance with applicable standards will be able to be conducted as wheat harvest begins, usually in mid July. We anticipate that testing at that time will confirm that our emissions will be at levels that will demonstrate that our operations will not require any additional permits. We will be in further contact with you as we prepare to conduct those emissions tests. Moreover, we anticipate we will be reporting the emissions from our operations in the MAERS on an ongoing basis.

It has been a pleasure to work with you on this project, and we now have a better understanding of the rules and regulations. We look forward to continuing a good working relationship on this project and projects in the future.

Sincerely,

Patricia Anderson

Cooperative Elevator Co.