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In Reply, refer to:  
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Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)  
Air Quality Division (AQD)  
Bay City District  
401 Ketchum Street.  
Bay City, Michigan 48708

Dear EGLE, AQD:

The following is the response to the report received on January 27, 2023.

**The date the violation occurred:**

The violation was identified and confirmed during the onsite inspection by Ms. Gina McCann conducted on January 20, 2023.

**An explanation of the causes of and duration of the violation:**

The violation is due to the lack of a monitor on the boilers, specifically to monitor the natural gas being used daily by the boilers.

**Is the violation ongoing:**

The violation is currently ongoing due to the fact the boilers do not have a device to monitor the natural gas usage daily. The facility does have a monitor on the natural gas usage for the facility and the facility has limited units using the natural gas.

**Summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violation and dates by which these actions will take place.**


The facility will work to ensure natural gas readings are taken daily at the main gas house for the facility. This action can start immediately. The facility will work to install, calibrate, maintain, and operate in a satisfactory manner a device to monitor and record the natural gas usage rate, in cubic feet per hour, on a daily basis.

The installation of the monitoring device(s) will require time as the purchases, installation and calibrating will require a project with Federal Government Contracting due to the cost. This could require up to 120 days just for the contract to be put in place.

**What steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence?**

The installation, calibration and maintenance of the monitoring device will ensure the violation will not reoccur. The facility will conduct routine monitoring of this device.

Sincerely,

  
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