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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

October 3, 2014

Mr. Mitchell Steele, Acting Manager
DTE Gas Company - Taggart Compressor Station
10450 Nevins Road
Six Lakes, Michigan 48886

SRN: N3392, Montcalm County

Dear Mr. Steele:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On September 29, 2014, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), reviewed the Renewable Operating Permit semiannual Report Certification, received September 11, 2014 for the DTE Gas Company - Taggart Compressor Station (Taggart) located at 10450 Nevins Road, Six Lakes, Michigan. The purpose of the Certification review was to determine Taggart's 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; and the conditions of Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) number MI-ROP-N3392-2010.

Based on the Certification review, staff noted the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
FGRULE285(mm)	FGRULE 285(mm) Special Condition VII.6 R 336.1285(mm)(iv)	Emergency venting of natural gas in quantities over 1 MMCF requires notification to the PEAS

The Certification states that 18 MMCF of natural gas were released in an emergency blow-down on January 6, 2014. Rule 285(mm), as cited above, allows such unpermitted releases provided the owner or operator notifies the Pollution Emergency Alert System (PEAS) within 24 hours of an emergency pipeline venting; no such timely reports were received.

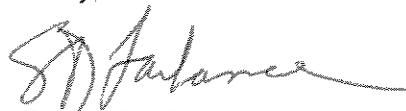
Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by October 24, 2014 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violation occurred; an explanation of the 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, specifically with respect to ensuring that timely reporting requirements are satisfied.

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If Taggart 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. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. J. Lachance", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen J. Lachance
Environmental Quality Specialist
Air Quality Division
616-356-0239

cc: Ms. Heidi Hollenbach, DEQ
cc/via email: Mr. Robert Simmons, DTE
Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ
Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ
Ms. Teresa Seidel, DEQ
Mr. Thomas Hess, DEQ