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Kaitlyn DeVries
Environmental Quality Analyst
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Department of Environmental Quality
State of Michigan

Kaitlyn:

This is Knap Industries' response to the violation notice dated 12/10/2015 stemming from your visit of 12/4/2015.

Knap industries agrees that it failed to keep, actually failed to generate, the reports #9, D-J, required by permit to install 26-97. Knap industries collected the data but failed to use the this data to generate the required reports. I put in a great amount of time in 2013 to get the reports generated at that time and to put in place the excel sheets and tables that would allow us to easily generate the records. Difficulty with the DEQ supplied spread sheets and my computer hardware and the time required resulted in a failed attempt. I did not get the records up to date at that time and did not begin generating the reports monthly as required.

The violation is not ongoing, we are working to get the past reports generated and are also working on generating the reports for recent months. Because of the complexity and nature of the reports it is more efficient to generate the older reports first.

I have hired a college graduate part time to help in this work. He is creating excel sheets that we use to determine the individual HAP and Voc contents of the coatings as applied and entering this information in the DEQ supplied excel spread sheet that we use to generate the monthly and 12 month rolling figures. Due to timing conflicts and health issues around the holidays we have not made as much progress as planned but this person is capable and was instrumental in getting in the reports that we have sent in. We are still working on the reports, and submit them as they are done for 1 reporting group and time frame. We have submitted the reports for 1 reporting group for 2 time frames. We will work on them until we are current with recent activities and satisfy the DEQ with how far back we go.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William F. Knap".

William F. Knap
President