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DIRECTOR

June 28, 2021

Mr. Curt Wilkerson, Operations Manager
Wilkast, Incorporated
8025 South Division Avenue
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49548

SRN: N7534, Kent County

Dear Mr. Wilkerson:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On May 20, 2021, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Wilkast, Incorporated located at 8025 South Division, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Wilkast'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 Air Pollution Control Rules; and the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) number 90-06.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
28,000-pound capacity Lindberg aluminum melting furnace and laundering system	Rule 201 (R 336.1201)	Installation and operation without a Permit to Install
8,500-pound capacity Lindberg aluminum melting furnace and die caster	Rule 201 (R 336.1201)	Installation and operation without a Permit to Install
2,400-pound capacity Stotek aluminum melting furnace and die caster	Rule 201 (R 336.1201)	Installation and operation without a Permit to Install
(3) 1,400-pound capacity aluminum holding furnaces and associated (3) die casters	Rule 201 (R 336.1201)	Installation and operation without a Permit to Install

During this inspection, it was noted that Wilkast, Incorporated had installed and commenced operation of unpermitted equipment at this facility. The AQD staff advised Wilkast, Incorporated on June 9, 2021, that this is a violation of Rule 201 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the unpermitted process equipment. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: www.michigan.gov/air (in the shaded box on the upper right-hand side of the page).

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Be advised that Rule 201 requires that a permit be obtained prior to installation, construction, operation, reconstruction, relocation, or alteration of any process or process equipment which may be a source of an air contaminant.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by July 19, 2021 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violations occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; whether the violations are ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations 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 EGLE, AQD, Grand Rapids District Office, at 350 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Wilkast, Incorporated 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 violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Wilkast, Incorporated. If you have any questions regarding the violations or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Quality Specialist
Air Quality Division
616-558-0616

cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE
Dr. Eduardo Olaguer, EGLE
Ms. Jenine Camilleri, EGLE
Mr. Christopher Ethridge, EGLE
Ms. Heidi G. Hollenbach, EGLE