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ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY  
JACKSON DISTRICT OFFICE



DANIEL EICHINGER  
ACTING DIRECTOR

April 26, 2023

VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Don Semones  
Dexter Fastener Technologies, Inc.  
2110 Bishop Circle East  
Dexter, Michigan 48130

SRN: N7596, Washtenaw County

Dear Don Semones:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On April 19, 2022, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an unannounced compliance inspection of Dexter Fastener Technologies, Inc. located at 2110 Bishop Circle East, Dexter, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Dexter Fastener Technologies' 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) and the associated Air Pollution Control Rules.

During the inspection and subsequent records review, AQD staff determined the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Eight (8) heat treatment processing lines used to produce stainless steel bolts. Each line/emission unit consists of an atmospheric generator, quenching furnace, oil quench tank and a tempering furnace.	Rule 201	No Permit to Install. Company has been operating the heat treatment lines under the Rule 290 permit exemption. However, heat treatment can produce hexavalent chromium emissions, which would make this process ineligible for R 290 permit exemption. It was also noted during the inspection that the furnace exhaust stacks appear to have rain caps, which are not consistent with good air pollution control practices.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by **May 17, 2023** (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the date 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.

Please submit the written response to EGLE, AQD, Jackson District, at 301 East Louis Glick Highway, Jackson, Michigan 49201 and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Dexter Fastener Technologies 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 recent inspection of Dexter Fastener Technologies. 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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Air Quality Division  
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