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**Elmouchi, Robert (DEQ)**

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2013 2:07 PM  
**To:** Elmouchi, Robert (DEQ)  
**Cc:** Mike Zborowski  
**Subject:** Response Letter  
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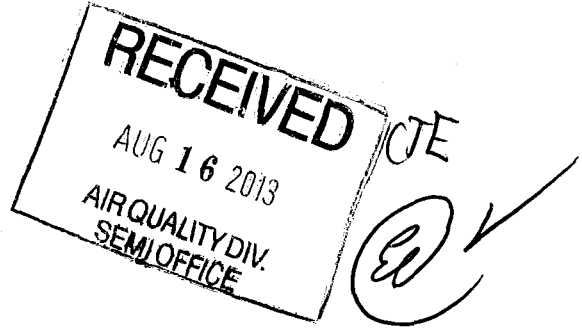
Good Afternoon Bob:

Attached is our response to the violation notice.

Have a great day,

Bill

Bill Leva  
Director of Operations  
Kar's Nuts  
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Mr. Robert Elmouchi  
State of Michigan, Environmental Quality Analyst  
Department of Environmental Quality

August 14, 2013

Dear Robert Elmouchi:

This letter is in reference to SRN: PO355 regarding a complaint that occurred on August 1, 2013 regarding odors from our facility.

As you know, we roast peanuts, cashews, sunflower kernels and almonds in our facility and we use cottonseed oil.

The following are the actions that have already been taken since the last violation notice in May:

- Evaluated the fit of our Oil Mist Eliminator (OME) pads for proper fit. They do fit properly.
- Had our roaster exhaust stacks cleaned on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Will be done again on Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>. It is now a quarterly function versus semi-annually prior.
- Went from monthly to weekly OME pad cleaning.
- Installed a switch to control the fan speed of our exhausts on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Almost daily internal odor observations being conducted since April 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are confident that the above measures have helped significantly as evident from the many external walk-arounds conducted since April 15<sup>th</sup>. Obviously, certain wind conditions create potentially differing odor patterns.

The following are new measures based on the latest violation notice:

- Source an expert consultant on these matters.
- Speak to Heat and Control, our roaster manufacturer, regarding internal stack scrubbers.

We certainly haven't noticed anything approaching a "foul odor" as described in the violation notice and will continue to monitor on a daily basis. We continue to deal with it as a core business practice in an effort to be sensitive to our community.

We appreciate your feedback and the constructive input in the spirit of working together. We take this matter seriously and will do all we can in mitigating odors from our facility.

On a side note, I will be leaving this great company for a new opportunity in New England, effective August 16, 2013. Please contact Mike Zborowski on any future calls or correspondence. The company will continue as always to take this matter seriously.

I thank you for the professional and cordial nature in which you have corresponded with us and wish you great health and future success.

Sincerely,

Bill Leva  
Director of Operations  
Kar's Nuts