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WARREN DISTRICT OFFICE



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February 24, 2022

VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Brian Weeks, President  
Weeks Food Corporation  
36901 Division Road  
Richmond, MI 48062

SRN: P1255, Macomb County

Dear Mr. Weeks:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On February 17, 2022, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Weeks Food Corporation located at 36901 Division Road, Richmond, Michigan, 48062. The purpose of this inspection was to investigate a recent complaint which we received on February 17, 2022, regarding foul odors attributed to open burning operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Open Burning	R 336.1310	The distribution center has been conducting the open burning of refuse, garbage, and other waste materials in steel barrels located in the rear of the facility.

**- RULE 310: OPEN BURNING**

On February 17, 2022, AQD staff observed a burning barrel with plastic pipe/cardboard/trash/business or industrial waste smoldering in it. In addition, facility personnel verified this activity has been ongoing for several years.

This constitutes a violation of Rule 310 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451, which prohibits open burning of refuse, garbage, or any other waste material at any business or commercial operation.

In order to comply with Rule 310, Weeks Food Corporation is advised to immediately discontinue any open burning.

EGLE encourages the reuse and the recycling of wastes whenever possible. However, any waste that cannot be reused or recycled must be properly disposed of in accordance with

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Part 115, Solid Waste Management, Section 11512(1) of Act 451. Additionally, if Weeks Food Corporation decides to incinerate their waste, it must be incinerated in a properly designed incinerator. An approved permit must be obtained from EGLE before commencing installation of any incinerator. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: [www.michigan.gov/air](http://www.michigan.gov/air) (in the shaded box on the upper right-hand side of the page)

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by March 17, 2022 (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.

Please submit the written response to EGLE, AQD, Warren District, at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Weeks Food Corporation 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.

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,



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Environmental Engineer  
Air Quality Division  
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cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE  
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