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GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

May 10, 2022

Mark Morris, Vice President  
Montague Metal Products  
4101 West Fruitvale Road  
Montague, Michigan 49437

SRN: P1272, Muskegon County

Dear Mark Morris:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On April 20, 2022, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Montague Metal Products located at 4101 West Fruitvale Road, Montague, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Montague Metal Products' 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 Air Pollution Control Rules.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Aluminum Foundry	Rule 201 (R 336.1201)	Installation and operation of foundry operations, including sand mold making operations, aluminum melting furnace, pouring, cooling and shakeout operations, without obtaining a Permit to Install.

During this inspection, it was noted that Montague Metal Products had installed and commenced operation of unpermitted equipment at this facility. The AQD staff advised Montague Metal Products on April 20, 2022, 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 aluminum foundry operation process equipment. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: [www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/air-quality/air-permits](http://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/air-quality/air-permits).

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.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by May 31, 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, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Montague Metal Products 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 violation cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Montague Metal Products. 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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Air Quality Division  
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