



September 29, 2015

Rex I. Lane
Department of Environmental Quality
Air Quality Division
7953 Adobe Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49009-5025

Dear Mr. Lane,

Just to let you know, we did receive a Violation Notice (State Registration Number U031509374), resulting from your inspection of our temporary crushing facility located at 3900 West Dickman Road in Battle Creek, MI. As requested, the dates we operated (crushed concrete) without a permit are as follows: 7/16, 7/17, 7/20-7/24, 7/27-7/29, 7/31, 8/3-8/7, 8/10, 8/11, 8/13, 8/14, 8/18-8/20, 8/24-8/28, 8/31, 9/1-9/3. In full disclosure, there were a few more days with us being onsite, but only equipment maintenance or onsite cleanup was performed. Also, the Terex Model 4242 impact crusher did not run on several of the days listed, but our John Deere 330 Exc. was used for some concrete “munching”, so they were included.

As previously stated, we were not aware that an air use permit was required for portable crushing. The contract to process 20,000 tons of residual concrete for Consumers Concrete Cooperation was met on Thursday, September 3rd, at which time all operations ceased and crushing equipment was removed (September 4th). However, a front-end loader does remain onsite, for material load-out purposes only.

Going forward, we will make sure that a water source is available for both the conveyor and crusher water spray bars. Haul areas around the feeder will also be moistened-to-saturated with a water truck. We have been to the website: http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/nsr_information.shtml and have downloaded the General Permit to Install for Nonmetallic Crushing Facilities. In the future, this form will be submitted prior to using any processing equipment which may result in air contaminant(s) being released.

We do appreciate your investigation and for making us aware of our non-compliance. We will definitely contact you and/or members of your staff, should we have any difficulties with the permitting process.

If you have questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very respectfully,

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