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October 28, 2015

Mr. Paul Stark  
Baraga Telephone Company  
204 State Street  
P.O. Box 9  
Baraga, Michigan 49908

SRN: U071512196, Baraga County

Dear Mr. Stark:

### **VIOLATION NOTICE**

On September 24, 2015, Air Quality Division staff observed open burning of refuse and other waste material at Baraga Telephone Company (BTC) facility on Old Dump Road in L'Anse.

This constitutes a violation of Act 451, Rule 310 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, BTC is advised to immediately discontinue any open burning.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 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 Act 451, Part 115, Solid Waste Management, Section 11512(1). Additionally, if BTC decides to incinerate their waste, it must be incinerated in a properly designed incinerator. An approved permit must be obtained from the DEQ before commencing installation of any incinerator. An application form is available by request, or at the following website:

[http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/nsr\\_information.shtml](http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/nsr_information.shtml)

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by November 18, 2015 (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.

If BTC 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 BTC. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Lancaster".

Ed Lancaster  
Senior Environmental Quality Analyst  
Air Quality Division  
906-250-5124

cc/via e-mail: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ  
Ms. Teresa Seidel, DEQ  
Mr. Thomas Hess, DEQ  
Mr. Chris Hare, DEQ