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VIA EMAIL

State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, And Energy (EGLE)
Air Quality Division (AQD), Marquette District
Mr. Joseph Scanlan
1504 West Washington Street
Marquette, Michigan 49855

RE: VIOLATION NOTICE (SRN: U312303739) – LAKESHORE DRIVE CORRIDOR REHABILITATION

Dear Mr. Scanlan:

Pursuant to the Violation letter received on June 16, 2023, in relation to the Lakeshore Drive Corridor Rehabilitation project, we are writing to you to address the violation letter.

The notification was originally submitted via airmail and online through the Asbestos Notification System on 06/05/2023, with the intention that demolition of the parking deck structure was to begin that week and not satisfy the 10-working day notification requirement. However, due to some equipment scheduling issues with the demolition contractor and additional protections being installed to ensure the demolition was conducted in the safest manner possible as well as protect all existing infrastructure, the structure demolition did not begin until June 14th, 2023.

With the above noted, the project was still in violation of the 10-working day notification. As previously mentioned, the intent was to begin the week the notification was submitted, but with the additional time invested in preparation the actual demolition ended up commencing on June 14th which consisted of some light demolition of the brick-and-mortar parapet wall on top of the parking deck, the mass demolition of the parking structure steel and concrete surface began on June 20th, 2023.

In an effort to prevent the reoccurrence of receiving a Violation, U.P. Engineers and Architects intends to inform all staff regarding this matter to ensure that we do not run into this situation again, and to ensure that it is listed as a notification required to be submitted from the project's awarded contractor (when applicable), considering that neither our firm nor the City of Houghton commonly conducts major demolition projects. This matter/procedure will also be added to our company's Construction meeting agenda which we have every year in March as a refresher before any construction begins each year. We are also going to look into having an informal session with EGLE when available.

We sincerely appreciate your assistance through this process. Should there be any questions or if you need any additional information or explanation, please do not hesitate to contact me at 906-315-1327 or via email at jharju@upea.com.

Respectfully,

Joshua Harju, P.E., Project Manager

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