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Dorothy Bohn State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality 7953 Adobe Road Kalamazoo, MI 49009-5025

SRN: U39090237, Kalamazoo County

Dear Ms. Bohn:

This letter is in response to the violation notice dated December 23, 2014. I have read the activity report and notice along with the requests for corrections to have our facility in compliance with the DEQ regulations. We fully intend to comply with the rules and respond here to the concerns.

The date the violation occurred was December 19, 2014. Our employees normally sandblast indoors, but on the date of the inspection we had a large piece of equipment that was easier to blast outside. We are addressing this situation by no longer blasting outside and only blasting inside. As our employee mentioned we are building a large enclosed building that is currently in the planning stages and should be completed in the next three months. We also will no longer do any open burning on the facility. If we decide to install an incinerator, we will first apply for a permit. At this time we have corrected the violations and have communicated to our employees not to blast outside and not to burn anything in the open barrels.

Sincerely,

Michael Kasten

