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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



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August 31, 2018

Mr. Bruce Clay  
RM Inc.  
4783 Kenowa Avenue SW  
Grandville, Michigan 49418

Mr. Robert VanDrunen  
RM Inc.  
2400 Chicago Drive  
Hudsonville, Michigan 49426

SRN: U701806219, Ottawa County

Dear Mr. Clay and Mr. VanDrunen:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On August 10, 2018, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of RM Inc. located at 2400 Chicago Drive, Hudsonville, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine RM Inc.'s 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); the Air Pollution Control Rules; and to investigate a recent complaint which we received on August 10, 2018, regarding open burning of garbage attributed to RM Inc.'s operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Evidence of open burning of waste	Rule 310	AQD staff observed the remnants of burned waste, including household waste, aerosol canisters and miscellaneous business waste.

On August 10, 2018, AQD staff observed evidence of open burning of refuse and other waste material at RM Inc. along with a burn barrel that contained plastic and other waste in it. This constitutes a violation of Rule 310 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451, 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, RM Inc. is advised to immediately discontinue any open burning.

The 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 Part 115, Solid Waste Management, Section 11512(1) of Act 451. Additionally, if RM Inc. 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: [www.michigan.gov/deqair](http://www.michigan.gov/deqair) (in the shaded box on the upper right-hand side of the page).

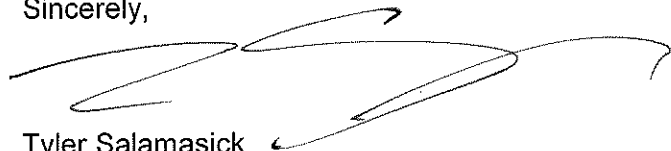
Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by September 21, 2018 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violation occurred; an explanation of 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 the DEQ, AQD, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at the DEQ, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If RM Inc. 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 RM Inc. 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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Environmental Quality Analyst  
Air Quality Division  
616-558-1281

cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ  
Mr. Craig Fitzner, DEQ  
Mr. Christopher Ethridge, DEQ  
Ms. Jenine Camilleri, DEQ  
Ms. Heidi Hollenbach, DEQ