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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

April 2, 2019

Mr. Greg Pillar
Pillar Manufacturing
35620 CR 388
Gobles, Michigan 49055

SRN: U801903680, Van Buren County

Dear Mr. Pillar:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On March 28, 2019, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD) and Remediation and Redevelopment Division (RRD), conducted a complaint investigation of Pillar Manufacturing located at 35620 CR 388, Gobles, Michigan. The purpose of this visit was to investigate a recent complaint which we received on March 20, 2019, regarding black smoke attributed to burning operations and leaking equipment stored behind the facility.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Burning of trash including plastic and metal	Rule 336.1310	Evidence was found of trash burning occurring on site. The trash included plastic and metal and appeared to have been ongoing.

On March 28, 2019, AQD staff observed four burn barrels with business trash as well as plastic and metal parts which had been burned. It was unclear if the metal parts had oils or lubricants on them before burning.

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, Pillar Manufacturing 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 the Facility 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 (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 April 23, 2019 (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, Kalamazoo District, at 7953 Adobe Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at the DEQ, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Pillar Manufacturing 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 Pillar Manufacturing. 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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