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ACTING DIRECTOR

June 1, 2023

Dan VanMassenhove
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416 Ford Avenue
Alpena, Michigan 49707

SRN: B1476, Alpena County

Dear Dan VanMassenhove:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On May 23, 2023, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an odor survey at Decorative Panels International (DPI) located at 416 Ford Avenue, Alpena, Michigan. The purpose of this odor survey was to determine DPI'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 recent complaints which we received regarding odors attributed to DPI's operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Burnt Wood Odor	R 336.1901(b)	On May 23, 2023, the AQD staff followed up on complaints of wood odors coming from this facility and were able to verify burnt woody odors were a violation of Rule 901(b).
Sweet Woody Odor	R 336.1901(b)	On May 23, 2023, the AQD staff followed up on complaints of wood odors coming from this facility and were able to verify sweet woody odors were a violation of Rule 901(b).

In the professional judgment of the AQD staff, the odors that were observed were of sufficient intensity, frequency, and duration so as to constitute a violation of Rule 901 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

On May 23, 2023, at approximately 2:50 pm, AQD Staff detected odors along Ford Avenue and in the neighborhood northwest of DPI. The wind was primarily out of the southeast at 5-10 mph. The odors were impacting area residents. The odors, best described as burnt wood odors, were identified at a level 3 on the odor scale (distinct and definite objectionable) on Ford Avenue, northeast of the DPI driveway.

On May 23, 2023, at approximately 3:28 pm, the AQD Staff detected odors along Ford Avenue and in the neighborhood northwest of DPI. The wind was primarily out of the southeast at 5-10 mph. The odors were impacting area residents. The odors, best described as burnt wood

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odors, were identified at a level 3 on the odor scale (distinct and definite objectionable) on Ford Avenue, between Miller Street and Lake Street which is downwind of biofilter 1. In addition, a distinct haze was observed at that time slightly obscuring the exhaust stack for biofilter 1.

On May 23, 2023, at approximately 3:30 pm, the AQD Staff detected odors along Ford Avenue and in the neighborhood northwest of DPI. The wind was primarily out of the southeast at 5-10 mph. The odors were impacting area residents. The odors, best described as sweet wood odors, were identified at a level 3 on the odor scale (distinct and definite objectionable) on Ford Avenue at Lake Street. The location was downwind of the wet end exhaust stack.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by June 22, 2023 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violations occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; whether the violations are ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations 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 EGLE, AQD, Gaylord District, at 2100 West M-32, Gaylord, Michigan 49735 and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If DPI believes the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute violations of the applicable legal requirements cited, please provide appropriate information to explain your position.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violations cited above. If you have any questions regarding the violations or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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