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Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE)
Air Quality Division (AQD)
Grand Rapids District
350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10
Grand Rapids, Michigan 46503



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August 18, 2022

Violation Notice – Written Response



Dear EGLE,

On June 27, 2022, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Steeltech, LLC located at 1251 Phillips Ave SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507. The inspection was performed by Mr. Eric Grinstern, Environmental Quality Specialist, Air Quality Division, (616) 558-0616.

During the inspection, Mr. Grinstern observed an employee of Steeltech LLC, emptying the dust collector's dump hoppers, for both the Sand Reclamation System and Shot Blasting System, directly into our sand waste dumpster. The hoppers are not covered or sealed and this resulted in an introduction of contaminants to the outer air. These Hoppers are emptied once per week. Steeltech LLC has now purchased "Supersacks/Bulk Bags" to be placed under our dust collectors to trap/minimize the introduction of contaminants to the outer air during the disposal of collected particulate matter. Steeltech LLC received our first set of bulk bags, with duffle top and plain bottom. Usage will start no later 08/26/2022. Once usage starts, Steeltech LLC plans to train all team members who are involved in this department moving forward.

During the inspection, Mr. Grinstern noted Steeltech LLC's failure to submit a semiannual compliance report for the time period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Due to employee turnover, Steeltech LLC failed to submit our semiannual compliance report for the dates listed above. The responsibility was given to another employee who was not familiar with the report and attempted to contact resources for explanation/assistance. At the end of June, after no report was produced within the time frame allotted, the responsibility was given to Mr. Derek Donley, Plant Manager, Steeltech LLC, (616) 243-7920. Mr. Donley submitted the report for the time period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 to Mr. Grinstern on Friday July 8, 2022 @ 3:20pm. At this time, Mr. Donley also submitted the report for the time period of January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. Mr. Donley will continue to have the primary responsibility of reporting and submittal. Steeltech LLC will also have a "backup" employee for future reporting and submittals.

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In closing, Steeltech LLC thanks EGLE and Eric Grinstern for their time in regard to the Inspection on June 27, 2022. Steeltech LLC will take the necessary steps, as listed above, to prevent reoccurrence of the Violations listed on the Violation Notice. If you have any questions regarding Steeltech LLC's response to the Violation Notice, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

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