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MARQUETTE DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

September 6, 2022

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

William Thomason
Bessemer Plywood Corporation
1000 Yale Avenue
Bessemer, Michigan 49911

SRN: N1393, Gogebic County

Dear William Thomason:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On August 15, 2022, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), observed a stack test being performed at Bessemer Plywood Corporation located at 1000 Yale Avenue, Bessemer, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Bessemer Plywood Corporation 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 the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) #35-20B.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
EUWOODBOILER1	R 336.1301 / General Condition 11.a of PTI #35-20B	Visible emissions were observed in exceedance of a six-minute average of 20 percent opacity, including one six-minute average per hour of more than 27 percent opacity.

During the stack test observation, AQD staff observed EUWOODBOILER1 emitting opacity in excess of emissions allowed by Rule 301 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

Enclosed are copies of the instantaneous and six-minute average readings taken at Bessemer Plywood Corporation.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by September 27, 2022 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the

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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 EGLE, AQD, Marquette District, at 1504 West Washington, Marquette, Michigan 49855 and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Bessemer Plywood Corporation 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 Bessemer Plywood Corporation. 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,



Joseph Scanlan
Environmental Quality Analyst
Air Quality Division
906-458-6405

Enclosures

cc: Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE
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