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SAGINAW BAY DISTRICT OFFICE



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November 7, 2016

Mr. Jeff Adler, President  
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SRN: N1586, Tuscola County

Dear Mr. Adler:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On August 24, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) visited your Nixon Farms crude oil production facility located in Wisner Township, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine your facility's compliance with the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act and Part 55, Air Pollution Control, and Office of Oil Gas and Minerals (OOGM) Part 615, Supervisor of Wells, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451). The facility is also covered by air use permit 20-12A issued by the DEQ – Air Quality Division (AQD).

During the visit, the following violations were noted:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Nixon Farms Crude oil production facility	AQD PTI 20-12A FGoilproduction SC IV 1	H2S leak at closest tank hatch, left side of tank battery stairway. 100 ppm on meter.
	OOGM R324.1122 and 1129	These OOGM rules require sealed hatches and the burning of H2S gas respectively.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by November 28, 2016. 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.

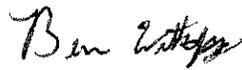
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It should be noted the facility is subject to the conditions of a Consent Order (AQD 37-2015, OOGM 2997) which was effective as of December 17, 2015. The violations presented above may result in stipulated penalties for the facility.

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 telephone number below.

Sincerely,



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