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September 6, 2024

Nick Pleva
Becker Metal Works, Inc.
800 Fred W Moore Highway
St. Clair, Michigan 48079

SRN: N3842, St. Clair County

Dear Nick Pleva:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On August 20, 2024, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Becker Metal Works, Inc., located at 800 Fred W Moore Highway, St. Clair, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Becker Metal Works, Inc.'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 the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) Numbers 361-93A and 300-04.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Flash Fire Dewaxing Kiln	Rule 201 (R 336.1201)	Installation and operation without obtaining a permit to install.
Iron and Steel Foundry	40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZZ, Iron and Steel Foundries Area Sources NESHAP (63.10899(c))	Failure to submit semiannual compliance reports for the time period of July 1, 2021, through July 1, 2024.

During this inspection, it was noted that Becker Metal Works, Inc. had installed and commenced operation of flash fire dewaxing kiln at this facility. This is a violation of Rule 201 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the flash fire dewaxing kiln. An application form is available by request, or at the following website:
www.michigan.gov/air.

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Be advised that Rule 201 requires that a permit be obtained prior to installation, construction, operation, reconstruction, relocation, or alteration of any process or process equipment which may be a source of an air contaminant.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by September 27, 2024 (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 Eric Grinstern, EGLE, AQD, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, PO Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760, as well as Joyce Zhu, Warren District Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092.

If Becker Metal Works, Inc. believes the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute a violation of the applicable legal requirements cited, please provide appropriate factual information to explain your position.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Becker Metal Works, Inc. 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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