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WARREN DISTRICT OFFICE



PHILLIP D. ROOS  
DIRECTOR

October 3, 2024

Philip Oliver, President  
Industrial Metal Coating  
6070 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48314

SRN: N5145, Macomb County

Dear Philip Oliver:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On September 26, 2024, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted a complaint investigation near Industrial Metal Coating located at 6070 18 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan. The purpose of this investigation was to investigate a recent complaint which we received on September 23, 2024, regarding odors attributed to Industrial Metal Coating's operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
E-coat operations at Industrial Metal Coatings	Rule 336.1901	A distinct and definite objectionable odor (level 3) was detected downwind from the facility at the complainant's location due to the manufacturing operations at Industrial Metal Coatings. The odor was, intermittently, strong enough to cause a person to attempt to avoid it entirely (level 4).

In the professional judgment of 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.

The AQD staff detected odors near commercial property directly to the west – southwest approximately 200 feet from Industrial Metal Coatings. AQD staff went inside the facility after the investigation and verified that the odors were coming from the facilities E-coat curing oven.

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The cited General Condition number 6 of PTI number 25-16B8 is also enforceable as paragraph 5.7 of Consent Judgment, AQD number 2021-95-CE.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by **October 24, 2024** (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the 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 Adam Bognar at EGLE, AQD, Warren District, at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092 or [bognara1@michigan.gov](mailto:bognara1@michigan.gov) and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Industrial Metal Coating 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 Industrial Metal Coating. 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,



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Air Quality Division  
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