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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

February 13, 2019

Mr. John Dippenaar  
Haworth, Inc. - Big Rapids Components  
300 North Bronson Avenue  
Big Rapids, Michigan 49307

SRN: N5569, Mecosta County

Dear Mr. Dippenaar:

### VIOLATION NOTICE

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD) has not received an application for renewal of Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) No. MI-ROP-N5569-2014 for Haworth, Inc. - Big Rapids Components (Haworth) located at 300 North Bronson Avenue, Big Rapids, Michigan. In accordance with Rule 210(9) of the administrative rules promulgated under Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451), an administratively complete application for renewal of a ROP is considered timely if it is received by the DEQ not more than 18 months, but not less than 6 months, before the expiration date of the current ROP. The deadline for submitting the application was January 8, 2019.

Failure to submit a timely application constitutes a violation of Rule 210(1) which requires that a source not operate any emission units at a source required to obtain a ROP unless a timely and administratively complete application has been received by the DEQ. Because of the failure to submit a timely and administratively complete application in accordance with the requirements of Rule 210(9), this facility has failed to obtain an "application shield."

Furthermore, on July 8, 2019, Haworth's ROP will expire. In accordance with Rule 217(1)(c), the source will lose its "permit shield" upon expiration of the ROP. In addition, according to Section 5506(2) of Act 451, the expiration of an operating permit terminates the person's right to operate a source. Therefore, if the ROP renewal is not issued by July 8, 2019, and this source continues to operate after this date, Haworth is in violation of Section 5506(2) of Act 451.

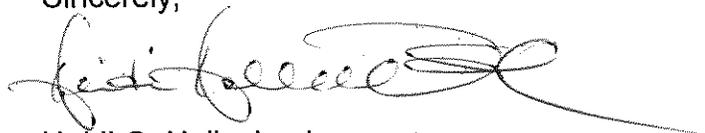
Please submit a complete application. Alternatively, Haworth may obtain an Opt-Out Permit or submit a complete demonstration that the facility is a true minor source for all criteria pollutants before expiration of the ROP.

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If Haworth 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.

If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact Chris Robinson at 616-356-0259, or you may contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi G. Hollenbach", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Heidi G. Hollenbach  
Grand Rapids District Supervisor  
Air Quality Division  
616-356-0243

cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ  
Dr. Eduardo Olaguer, DEQ  
Mr. Christopher Ethridge, DEQ  
Ms. Jenine Camilleri, DEQ  
Mr. Chris Robinson, DEQ