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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Jesse Aho
Somero Enterprises Inc.
46980 State Highway M-26
Houghton, Michigan, 49931

SRN: N6729, Houghton County

Dear Jesse Aho:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On November 7, 2024, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Somero Enterprises Inc. located at 46980 State Highway M-26, Houghton, Michigan (Inspection Report enclosed). The purpose of this inspection was to determine Somero Enterprises Inc. 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) number 342-99.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Unpermitted Spray Coat booth and associated dryer	Rule 336.1201	Source has been operating a spray coat booth without a PTI
Unpermitted prep/sanding booth	Rule 336.1201	Source has been operating a prep/sanding booth without a PTI

During this inspection, it was observed that Somero Enterprises Inc. had Installed and commenced operation of unpermitted equipment at this facility. The AQD staff advised Somero Enterprises Inc. on 11/7/2024, that 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 spray coating booth, drying booth, and prep/sanding booth process equipment. 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 December 10, 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 Jarod Maggio at EGLE, AQD, Marquette District Office via email at MaggioJ@Michigan.gov and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Somero Enterprises Inc. 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 violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Somero Enterprises 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,



Jarod Maggio
Environmental Quality Analyst
Air Quality Division
906-458-7930

Enclosure

cc: Peter Tormala, Somero Enterprises, Inc.
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