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October 1, 2015

Mr. Sonny Wheelock  
Wheelock and Sons Welding Shop  
9954 North Long Lake Road  
Traverse City, Michigan 49684

SRN: N6813, Grand Traverse County

Dear Mr. Wheelock:

### VIOLATION NOTICE

On September 24, 2015, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Wheelock and Sons Welding Shop located at 9954 North Long Lake Road, Traverse City, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Wheelock and Sons Welding Shop'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 administrative rules and to investigate a recent complaint which we received regarding fugitive dust attributed to Wheelock and Sons Welding Shop's sand blasting operations.

Despite the fact that the AQD staff were unable to confirm the fugitive dust complaint while on site, the AQD requests that Wheelock and Sons Welding Shop implement preventative measures to decrease the potential for future fugitive dust complaints.

During this inspection, however, it was noted that Wheelock and Sons Welding Shop had installed and commenced operation of sand blasting equipment and a 750,000 Btu burn-off oven at this facility without first obtaining an air use permit to install (PTI). The AQD staff advised Mr. Wheelock on September 24, 2015 that this is a violation of Act 451, Rule 201.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the sand blasting operation and burn-off oven. An application form is available by request, or at the following website:

[http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/nsr\\_information.shtml](http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/nsr_information.shtml)

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 October 22, 2015. 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.

If Wheelock and Sons Welding 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 AQD staff during their inspection of Wheelock and Sons Welding Shop. 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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