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September 17, 2024

Sonny Wheelock
Wheelock & Sons
9954 North Long Lake Road
Traverse City, Michigan 49684

SRN: N6813, Grand Traverse County

Dear Sonny Wheelock:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On September 9, 2024, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Wheelock & Sons located at 9954 North Long Lake Road, Traverse City, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Wheelock & Sons 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; the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) number 221-15; and to investigate a recent complaint which we received on August 24, 2024, regarding fugitive dust attributed to Wheelock & Sons operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
EUSANDBLAST	SC III.1; the permittee shall not operate EUSANDBLAST unless the sandblasting operations are located and operated within an enclosure. All windows, doors, and other openings shall be positioned to prevent particulate matter from exiting the enclosure. (R 336.1301, R 336.1901, 40 CFR 52.21(c) and (d))	Failure to prevent fugitive dust coming from exiting the open doors on the western side of the pole building from sandblasting operations on the western portion of the property.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by October 8, 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.

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Please submit the written response to Caryn Owens at EGLE, AQD, Cadillac District, at 120 West Chapin Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601 or owensc1@michigan.gov and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Wheelock & Sons 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 Wheelock & Sons. 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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