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DIRECTOR

November 26, 2024

Ron Caldwell
ReConserve of Michigan, Inc.
170 Angell Street
Battle Creek, MI 49037

SRN: N8081, Calhoun County

Dear Ron Caldwell:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On November 12, 2024, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted a complaint investigation of ReConserve of Michigan, inc. located at 170 Angell Street, Battle Creek, Michigan. The purpose of this investigation was to determine ReConserve of Michigan, 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; the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) number 184-08B; Administrative Consent Order (ACO) AQD No. 2024-09; and to investigate recent complaints which we received on November 12, 2024, regarding fallout attributed to ReConserve of Michigan, Inc. operations.

During the investigation, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
RTO Filter box attached to EU-DRYING.	R 336.1901 (Rule 901), General Condition 6 of PTI #184-08B, and ACO AQD No. 2024-09	Active fallout could be seen by both AQD and ReConserve staff blowing out of the stack for the RTO Filter box. Pictures were taken during the investigation to show particulate matter collecting around the top of the stack, as well as at the bottom of the filter box.

AQD staff observed fallout on multiple vehicles at a neighboring business parking lot. In order to determine the source of the fallout, AQD staff investigated all emission sources at ReConserve of Michigan, Inc. During the investigation of the RTO filter box, both AQD and ReConserve staff could see active fallout blowing out of the stack towards the direction of the complainant's parking lot. In addition to the fallout, buildup of particulate

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matter around the exhaust of the stack and at the base of the filter box was observed. In the professional judgement of AQD staff, the fallout observed constituted a violation of Rule 901 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451, General Condition 6 of PTI #184-08B, and ACO AQD No. 2024-09.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by December 18, 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 Jared Edgerton at EGLE, AQD, Kalamazoo District, at 7953 Adobe Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009 or Edgertonj1@michigan.gov and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If ReConserve of Michigan, 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 investigation of ReConserve of Michigan, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Edgerton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jared Edgerton
Environmental Quality Analyst
Air Quality Division
269-312-1540

cc: Annette Switzer, EGLE
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