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Dear Mr. Tyler Salamasick

In response to the Rule 901 Violation Notice dated January 11, 2019, this is our response. On December 12, 2018 you visited the Superior Asphalt Inc. plant site located at 6900 East Paris Industrial Court, Caledonia, MI 49318 to perform an inspection. The inspection was regarding an odor complaint that had been received that day. At the time of the inspection, there was asphalt paving operations commencing in the yard at the plant site. It was our understanding during your visit that this was not a violation of Rule 901. It was determined that the odors that were detected were due to the paving operations taking place at the plant. Odors from paving operations cannot be controlled and therefore cannot be considered a violation of plant Air Permit to Install (API). Superior Asphalt does not believe that this set of circumstances constitutes a Michigan Rule 901 violation because the odor did not come from the plant process. The odor was also temporary in nature and not on-going and has ceased since the December 12, 2018 date. Therefore, Superior Asphalt disagrees with this Rule 901 violation based on the fact that paving operations were taking place at the plant site and paving operations are not considered part of the facility air permit requirements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (616) 893-7863.

Sincerely,

Nithan Voruganti
Plant Manager
SUPERIOR ASPHALT INC.

CC: Ms. Jenine Camilleri