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KALAMAZOO DISTRICT OFFICE



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January 20, 2016

Dr. Loren Brandt, DVM  
River Valley Equine Clinic and Small Animal Hospital  
315 Bell Road  
Niles, Michigan 49120

SRN: P0192, Berrien County

Dear Dr. Brandt:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On January 14, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of River Valley Equine and Small Animal Hospital (Facility), located at 315 Bell Road, Niles, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine the Facility'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 the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) No. 254-10.

During the inspection, staff of the AQD observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Animal crematory/incinerator	336.1201 (Rule 201)	The Facility installed an animal crematory/incinerator without first obtaining an PTI from the DEQ, AQD.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by February 17, 2016. 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 recurrence.

If the Facility 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.

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Thank you for your attention to resolving the violation cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of the Facility. If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring this Facility into compliance, please contact me at the telephone number listed below.

Sincerely,



Matt Deskins  
Environmental Quality Analyst  
Air Quality Division  
269-567-3542

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ  
Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ  
Ms. Teresa Seidel, DEQ  
Mr. Thomas Hess, DEQ  
Ms. Mary Douglas, DEQ