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GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

September 28, 2022

Scott Hosford
Wolverine Scrap Metal Company
1721 Chicago Drive SW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49519

SRN: P0920, Kent County

Dear Scott Hosford:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On September 7, 2022, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Wolverine Scrap Metal Company located at 1721 Chicago Drive SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Wolverine Scrap Metal Company'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 Air Pollution Control Rules; and to investigate recent complaints which the AQD received on September 7, 2022, and September 15, 2022, regarding black smoke and foul odors attributed to Wolverine Scrap Metal Company's operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Torch Cutters	Rule 201	Torch cutting operation no longer meets Permit to Install exemption Rule 285(2)(j) after reconstruction of equipment.

During this inspection, it was noted that Wolverine Scrap Metal Company had installed and commenced operation of unpermitted equipment at this facility. The AQD staff advised Wolverine Scrap Metal Company on September 27, 2022, that this is a violation of Rule 201 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

A program for compliance may include a completed Permit to Install (PTI) application for the torch cutting process equipment. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: www.michigan.gov/air.

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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 violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by October 19, 2022 (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 EGLE, AQD, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Wolverine Scrap Metal Company 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 Wolverine Scrap Metal Company. 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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