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Jeffrey Westrick  
WEC Energy Group  
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SRN: P0994, Macomb County

Dear Jeffrey Westrick:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On October 11, 2024 (and a revised notification on October 13, 2024), the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), received a release report notification from EGLE-Pollution Emergency Alert System (PEAS) that a natural gas release occurred at Blue Water Gas Storage-Omo Compressor Station located at 68211 & 68233 Omo Road, Ray Township, Michigan.

Based on the review of the notifications. staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
BWGS - Omo Compressor Station	Rule 285(2)(mm)(iv)-Routine and emergency venting of natural gas from transmission and distribution systems or field gas from gathering lines	An emergency venting of natural gas in the amount of 5.2 MMcf occurred at the facility on October 5, 2024. Rule 285(2)(mm)(iv) requires that emergency venting of natural gas above 1 MMcf must be reported to the Pollution Emergency Alert System within 24 hours of the incident. The incident was reported to the PEAS on October 11, 2024.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by **November 12, 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 Sebastian Kallumkal at EGLE, AQD, Warren District, at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48188 or [Kallumkals@michigan.gov](mailto:Kallumkals@michigan.gov) and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Blue Water Gas Storage-Omo Compressor Station 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 Blue Water Gas Storage-Omo Compressor Station. 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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Air Quality Division  
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