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SRN/ID: U272402829, Gogebic County

Dear Lisa Hewitt and Rob Arndt:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On June 25, 2024, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD) conducted an inspection at 217-221 South Sophie Street, Bessemer, Gogebic County. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with the requirements of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR), Part 61, Subpart M (National Emission Standard for Asbestos), and Rule 942 of Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

According to my investigation, the Gogebic Landbank owns the former commercial facilities and Pearson Asbestos Abatement performed the asbestos removal activities. The National Emission Standard for Asbestos (NESHAP) may hold both the *owner and operator* liable for all violations.

During the inspection, EGLE staff observed the following:

The facilities had been abated and Pearson Asbestos Abatement staff were onsite continuing to clean-up and remove drywall debris. Thermal System Insulation (TSI) in the form of pipe insulation was observed in the basement, both on pipe and as dry, uncontained debris on the floor. The contractor failed to remove all Regulated Asbestos Containing Material (RACM) and failed to properly wet and contain the Asbestos Containing Waste Material (ACWM).

Process Description	Section Violated	Comments
On 6/25/2024, an inspection was performed post-planned renovation at 217-221 S. Sophie St., Bessemer. RACM and ACWM were observed in the basement.	40 CFR §61.145 (c)(1)	Failed to remove all RACM.
	40 CFR §61.145 (c)(6)	Failed to adequately wet RACM.
	40 CFR §61.150 (a)(1)(iii)	Failed to seal all ACWM in leak-tight containers

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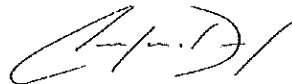
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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this violation notice by July 30, 2024. The written response should include: date(s) the violations occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; whether the violations are ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations, and the date(s) by which these actions will take place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence. The *signed* written response from **both the owner and operator** to this violation notice, may be submitted by mail and directed to Jeremy Howe at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760. You must also include a copy to Jason Wolf, Enforcement Unit at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760. The response may be scanned and emailed to HoweJ1@Michigan.gov and WolfJ2@Michigan.gov.

If you believe the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute a violation 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 extended to me during my site visit. If you have any questions regarding the violation notice or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at 517-749-2891; DechyC@Michigan.gov; or the post office box address provided in the paragraph above.

Sincerely,



Craig W. Dechy
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Air Quality Division

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