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## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

AIR QUALITY DIVISION



December 10, 2024

Theodore Pagano, P.E., P.G., CEO Michigan Potash Operating, LLC 600 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 2300 Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Theodore Pagano:

This letter is in reference to your Permit to Install (PTI) application, identified as No. APP-2024-0182, State Registration Number P0655. The application was received on August 2, 2024, for a salt and potash processing facility to be located near Schofield Road and 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Evart Township, Osceola County, Michigan.

Review of your PTI application is complete. We have announced a public comment period as required by state and federal regulations, on the intent of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to approve the proposed permit. The public comment period will begin on December 10, 2024, and will end on January 27, 2025. A virtual informational session and public hearing have been scheduled on January 16, 2025; however, they will be held only if requested by January 9, 2025. You may submit comments during the comment period and are encouraged to appear at the informational session and public hearing, if held, on behalf of your PTI application.

After resolving any issues raised during the public comment period and/or the hearing, a final decision will be made on your PTI application.

By law, construction of the proposed process should not begin until you receive an approved PTI. *This letter is not an approved permit to install* and only references a proposed action on your PTI application.

Enclosed are copies of the proposed permit conditions, "Notice of Air Pollution Comment Period and Public Hearing," "Proposed Project Summary," and the "Technical Fact Sheet" regarding our analysis of your proposed project. Theodore Pagano, P.E., P.G., CEO Page 2 December 10, 2024

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. You may call me on January 10, 2025, to determine if the virtual hearing was requested.

Sincerely,

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