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December 8, 2023

Ms. April Lazzaro  
Department of Environment, Great lakes, and Energy  
Grand Rapids District Office  
350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2316

***re: Violation Notice of July 18, 2023***

Dear Ms. Lazzaro,

Advance Plating & Finishing (Advance) is in receipt of your Violation Notice of July 18, 2023. As you know, Advance operates two electroplating lines, one alkaline zinc line and one alkaline zinc/nickel line.

Our consultant has recently calculated the potential-to-emit of these two lines at our Grand Rapids facility. These calculations were provided to you earlier this week. It has been determined that the potential-to-emit for the emission units are below the thresholds listed in exemption Rule 291.

Because of this, we believe that both electroplating lines are exempt from requiring a permit-to-install to operate. If the operating conditions change or the equipment is modified, we will revise the potential-to-emit of these processes to determine whether the Rule 291 exemption still applies.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information. I can be reached via telephone at 616-490-3034.

Sincerely,

Jack Smit, General Manager  
Advance Plating & Finishing

cc: Jenine Camilleri