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GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

July 18, 2023

Jack Smit, President  
Advance Plating & Finishing, Inc.  
840 Cottage Grove SE  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49507

SRN: A2575, Kent County

Dear Jack Smit:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On July 13, 2023, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Advance Plating & Finishing, Inc. located at 840 Cottage Grove SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Advance Plating & Finishing, Inc.'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); and the Air Pollution Control Rules.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

| Process Description   | Rule/Permit Condition Violated | Comments                               |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Nickel Electroplating | Rule 201                       | Failure to obtain a Permit to Install. |

During this inspection, it was noted that Advance Plating & Finishing, Inc. had installed and commenced operation of an unpermitted process at this facility. The AQD staff advised Advance Plating & Finishing, Inc. on July 13, 2023, 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 nickel plating process equipment. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: [www.michigan.gov/air](http://www.michigan.gov/air).

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.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by August 8, 2023 (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 Advance Plating & Finishing, Inc. 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 Advance Plating & Finishing, Inc. 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,

  
April Lazzaro

Senior Environmental Quality Analyst  
Air Quality Division  
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