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Ms. Jenifer M. Dixon
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Grand Rapids District Office
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re: Expert Coating Company (SRN A2722) Violation Notice

Dear Ms. Dixon,

Expert Coating Company is in receipt of your Violation Notice of August 14th alleging a violation of Rule 210 for having the potential to emit an individual HAP at greater than the major source threshold of 10 tons per year.

You have requested that actions be initiated to correct the alleged violations and also have requested a written response by September 2nd. You have indicated that the written response should include the dates that the violations occurred, an explanation of the cause 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 that dates by which these actions will take place, and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

As you know, Expert Coating currently is operating under Permit-to-Install #317-74 for the operation of a burn-off oven. We are a small family owned business and we believed that the facility was in compliance with MDEQ requirements as evidenced by the permit issued to us by the agency. We were unaware that the permitting system had changed since the issuance of the permit. As a result of the regulatory changes, we intend on submitting a permit-to-install amendment application to limit the facility potential to emit to less than the major source thresholds for HAPs. We are immediately beginning the preparation of the application to amend PTI #317-74 and anticipate having the application submitted by September 19th but no later than October 1st.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Erik Klimek
President

cc: Ms. Heidi Hollenbach