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C. HEIDI GRETHER DIRECTOR

February 20, 2018

Mr. Robert Case, Supervisor City of Flint Water Pollution Control Facility G-4652 Beecher Road Flint, Michigan 48532

SRN: B1598, Genesee County

Dear Mr. Case:

## **VIOLATION NOTICE**

On December 8, 2017, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD) conducted an inspection of the Flint Water Pollution Control facility located at G-4652 Beecher Road, Flint. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Flint Water Pollution Control'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); the Air Pollution Control Rules; and to investigate a recent complaint we received on December 4, 2017, regarding foul odors attributed to Flint Water Pollution Control's operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

| Process Description      | Rule/Permit<br>Condition Violated | Comments   |
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| East sludge storage tank | 901(b)                            | Odors detected offsite of<br>sufficient intensity, frequency,<br>and duration to constitute<br>unreasonable interference<br>with the comfortable<br>enjoyment of life and<br>property. |

In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the odors detected offsite were of sufficient intensity, frequency, and duration so as to constitute a violation of Rule 901. The AQD staff detected distinct, definite, and objectionable odors along Flushing Road, approximately 1,400 feet to the north and northeast of the east sludge storage tank, which was suspected by AQD staff to be the source of the odors on December 8, 2017. Additional odors were detected offsite by AQD staff on October 16, 17, and 30, 2017, as well as November 3, 8, and 14, 2017, and demonstrate the ongoing nature of the odors.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by March 13, 2018. 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.

If Flint Water Pollution Control 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 Flint Water Pollution Control. If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the telephone number listed below.

Sincerely,

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