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DIRECTOR

June 15, 2018

Mr. William Kaiser
City of Grand Rapids
1300 Market Avenue SW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

SRN: B1729, Kent County

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On June 7, 2018, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of the City of Grand Rapids Water Resource Recovery Facility located at 1300 Market Avenue SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine the City of Grand Rapids Water Resource Recovery Facility'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
Biodigester	Rule 201	Failure to obtain a Permit to Install prior to starting construction.

During this inspection, it was noted that the City of Grand Rapids Water Resource Recovery Facility had started construction of the biodigester project prior to obtaining a Permit to Install. The AQD staff advised the City of Grand Rapids Water Resource Recovery Facility on June 7, 2018, that this is a violation of Rule 201 of Act 451.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the biodigester process equipment. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: www.michigan.gov/deqair (in the shaded box on the upper right-hand side of the page).

Be advised that Rule 201 of Act 451 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 July 6, 2018 (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 recurrence.

Please submit the written response to the DEQ, AQD, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at the DEQ, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If the City of Grand Rapids Water Resource Recovery Facility 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 the City of Grand Rapids Water Resource Recovery Facility. 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,



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