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DIRECTOR

July 10, 2019

Mr. William Kaiser
Grand Rapids Water Resource Recovery Facility
1300 Market Avenue SW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

SRN: B1729, Kent County

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On July 8, 2019, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted a site review of the Grand Rapids Water Resource Recovery Facility located at 1300 Market Avenue SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine the 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); the Air Pollution Control Rules; and to determine if construction had continued at the site.

During the site review, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Biodigester	Rule 201	Failure to obtain a Permit to Install.

During this site review, it was noted that the Grand Rapids Water Resource Recovery Facility had commenced and continues construction of the biodigester project at the facility and this is a violation of Rule 201 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451. The AQD previously cited the Grand Rapids Water Resource Recovery Facility on June 15, 2018 and November 9, 2018. The AQD has also expressed their position regarding the commencement of construction on numerous other occasions via conference calls and e-mail correspondence.

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. The AQD acknowledges that a Permit to Install Application for the above-mentioned process was received by the AQD on February 15, 2019.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by July 31, 2019 (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 Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If the 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 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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cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE
Dr. Eduardo Olaguer, EGLE
Ms. Jenine Camilleri, EGLE
Mr. Christopher Ethridge, EGLE
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