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DIRECTOR

December 3, 2015

Mr. Michael LaVerdiere
VERSO Quinnesec LLC
W-6791 US Highway 2
Norway, MI 49870

SRN: B7192, Dickinson County

Dear Mr. LaVerdiere:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On November 24, 2015, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), received a Renewable Operating Permit Report Certification. This certification was submitted with regard to VERSO Quinnesec LLC located at W-6791 US Highway 2, Norway, Michigan. A review of the submitted information was completed to determine your 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 administrative rules and the conditions of Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) number MI-ROP-B7192-2013.

During this review, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
EU-0815-S1 Chemical Recovery Furnace	MI-ROP-B7192-2013 EU-0815-S1, 1.23	12 month rolling time period SO ₂ limit of 19.06 tons per year exceeded.

Records submitted indicate the facility experienced increased SO₂ emissions over the summer months and took proactive steps to reduce these emissions prior to the deviation occurring at the end of July. The SO₂ levels continued to be above the 12 month rolling time period SO₂ limit of 19.06 tons per year during August, September, and October. The report also mentions proactive steps were taken to reduce the Recovery Furnace SO₂ emissions.

Please provide a detailed account (including dates) of what actions were taken to incur the increased SO₂ emissions, dates emission rates were observed to be exceeded, and the 12 month rolling time period SO₂ emissions for each month of 2015. As well, please provide the specifics of what corrective actions (including dates) have been taken to attempt to reduce the emissions.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by December 25, 2015 (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.

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

Sincerely,



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Air Quality Division
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