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RE: M3927 – Hillsdale County
The Andersons, Inc. – Reading Grain Facility

Dear Mr. Carley:

As requested in the letter dated January 7, 2019 regarding the visible emissions test results for The Andersons, Inc. – Reading Grain facility, we are respectfully submitting this written response for the Railcar/Truck Loadout emission source.

The violation was discovered during the visible emissions testing conducted during rail car loading on October 12, 2018. The violation was likely caused by a lack of dust control equipment in the vicinity of the loadout spout that could reduce the fugitive dust emitted during the loading of rail cars and trucks. The amount of dust that occurs during loading varies depending upon the quality of grain, so it is difficult to determine the duration of the previous events. Due to the continued lack of collection equipment, the violation is on-going when grain quality results in higher dust concentrations. Over the years, the facility has utilized tarps on the spouts to help minimize the spread of dust during loading operations, but this has had limited success.

The Andersons plans to install dust control equipment on the rail car and truck loading spout. The engineering related to the dust control options is currently underway and The Andersons plan to have the equipment installed and operational by September 30, 2019. When engineering is completed, an application will be submitted to modify the permit describing the control equipment planned for this source.

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The Andersons is committed to contributing to a cleaner environment. We believe the information in this response letter demonstrates our commitment to achieve compliance. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (419) 897-3676 or tony_sloma@andersonsinc.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Sloma". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Anthony Sloma
Senior Manager - Environmental Compliance