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KALAMAZOO DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

July 25, 2017

Mr. Rush Burpee
Landscape Forms
431 Lawndale Avenue
Galesburg, Michigan 49053

SRN: N0573, Kalamazoo County

Dear Mr. Burpee:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On June 14, 2017, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Landscape Forms (Facility), located at 431 Lawndale Avenue, Galesburg, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine the 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 the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) No. 517-97A.

During the inspection, staff of the AQD observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Wood shop baghouse	R 336.1910 (Rule 910)	Observed wood particulate on roof of building and coming out of the baghouse itself. Unit is not being operated and maintained appropriately.
Wood shop processes	R 336.1285(l)(vi)(C) (Rule 285) and R 336.1201 (Rule 201)	Baghouse not being appropriately operated and thus the Rule 285 exemption from permitting cannot be used. Because the exemption has been violated and the wood shop processes do not operate under a PTI, this is also a violation of Rule 201.

On June 14, 2017, the AQD staff observed operation of the wood shop processes while the associated baghouse was malfunctioning.

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This constitutes a violation of Rule 910 of 451, which requires that an air cleaning device shall be installed, maintained, and operated in a satisfactory manner, and in accordance with the administrative rules and existing law.

Because the baghouse was malfunctioning during operation of the wood shop, the Rule 285 exemption from permitting was violated. Without qualifying for an exemption, a PTI is required to operate the wood shop. The Facility does not have a PTI for these processes and is, therefore, also in violation of Rule 201.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the wood shop 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 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.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by August 15, 2017 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violations occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; whether the violations are ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations and the dates by which these actions will take place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

If the 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 violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of the Facility.

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

Sincerely,



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Air Quality Division
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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ
Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ
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