

## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SAGINAW BAY DISTRICT OFFICE



May 25, 2018

Mr. David Rifkin, President Rifkin Scrap Iron and Metal Company 1445 North Niagara Street Saginaw, Michigan 48602

Dear Mr. Rifkin:

SRN: N0844, Saginaw County

## **VIOLATION NOTICE**

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Rifkin Scrap Iron and Metal Company (Rifkin) located at 1445 North Niagara Street, Saginaw, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Rifkin'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) number 98-01D; and to investigate a recent complaint which was received on May 14, 2018, regarding fugitive dust/black smoke attributed to torch cutting operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

	Rule/Permit	
Process Description	Condition Violated	Comments
Torch Cutting	R 285(j)(ii) R 910	Torch cutting not released to in-plant environment with appropriately designed and operated enclosure and fabric filter.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>. 2018, the AQD staff observed operation of torch cutting without an appropriately designed and operated enclosure and fabric filter.

This constitutes a violation of Act 451, Rule 910, 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.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by June 15, 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

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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 Rifkin 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 Rifkin. 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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