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SAGINAW BAY DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

August 22, 2016

Mr. Jeff Adler, President
Tuscola Energy, Inc
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Akron, Michigan 48701

SRN: N1586, Tuscola County

Dear Mr. Adler:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On July 18, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), requested records for the Nixon Farms crude oil production facility from Tuscola Energy, Inc. The purpose of this request was to determine Tuscola Energy, Inc.'s compliance with the requirements of the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) number 20-12A. Additionally, staff from the DEQ, Office of Oil Gas and Minerals (OOGM) investigated an odor complaint on August 22, 2016.

DEQ staff observed the following:

Violation Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
5 am to noon operation	PTI 20-12A FGoil production SC II 1	H2S limit of 96.2 pounds per day exceeded 3 times
Noon to 7 pm operation	PTI 20-12A FGoil production SC II 2	H2S limit of 84.5 pounds per day exceeded 4 times
Noon to 7 pm operation	PTI 20-12A FGoil production SC VI 2	On December 8, 2015, the Company field operator said the H2S concentration was 6.5% yet 8% was used in calculations January through February
7 pm to midnight operation	PTI 20-12A FGoil production SC II 3	H2S limit of 29 pounds per day exceeded 10 times
Tank vent line not connected	PTI 20-12A FGoil treatsys IV 1	A vent line from an oil treatment system tank was not connected / vented to the flare
Tank vent line not connected	R 324.1122(4) OOGM rule 1122	

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It should be noted the company records were incomplete at the time of the request though as stated in permit conditions, they are supposed to be completed by the 15th day of the calendar month, for the previous month. The company subsequently provided records on July 26, 2016.

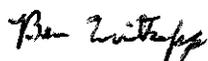
Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by September 5, 2016 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violations occurred; an explanation of 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 Tuscola Energy, Inc. 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.

It should be noted the facility is subject to the conditions of a Consent Order (AQD 37-2015, OOGM 2997) which was effective as of December 17, 2015. The violations presented above may result in stipulated penalties for the facility.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me. If you have any questions regarding the violations 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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cc/via e-mail: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ
Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ
Mr. Chris Ethridge, DEQ
Mr. Thomas Hess, DEQ
Mr. Chris Hare, DEQ