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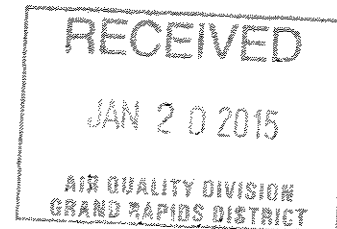
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**Subject: Response to Letter of Violation, Dated October 3, 2014
DTE Gas Company – Taggart Compressor Station**

Dear Mr. Lechance:

This letter is in response to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Air Quality Division (AQD) Letter of Violation (LOV) dated October 3, 2014 regarding an emergency gas blow down notification deviation. As requested, this letter provides information regarding the citation including: the date 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 to correct the violation, including the dates on which these actions took place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

On Monday, January 6, 2014, at approximately 2pm, a fire sensor at the DTE Energy Taggart Compressor Station located at 10450 Nevins Road, Six Lakes, MI sensed a fire and blew all the gas from the plant. The duration of the venting is uncertain, but approximately 18 MMSCF of natural gas was vented under emergency circumstances. This was a one-time incident and not an ongoing process.

To date, the following have been done:

- 1) Notification of the incident was made to Heidi Hollenbach on Wednesday, January 8, 2014.
- 2) The event was included as a deviation report in the facility's Renewable Operating Permit semi-annual compliance report dated September 9, 2014 which was submitted to MDEQ.
- 3) Station personnel were reminded of the 24 hour notification requirement.
- 4) Standard Work Instructions were rewritten to better define and highlight the reporting requirements applicable during blow down situations (completed 9/22/2014)

If you have any questions, I can be contacted at (313) 235-9419 or rynmep@dteenergy.com.

Sincerely yours,

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