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March 25, 2019

Joseph Forth  
Environmental Quality Analyst/Air Quality Division  
Department of Environmental Quality  
27700 Donald Court  
Warren, MI 48092-2793

Dear Mr. Forth:

RE: SRN: N5145, MACOMB COUNTY  
SUBJECT: VIOLATION NOTICE

Dear Mr. Forth:

In response to your notice of violation dated March 7, 2019, I received your email on February 27<sup>th</sup> regarding a complaint made on February 19<sup>th</sup> 2019. The odors on February 19<sup>th</sup> coincide with the odors we detected as well. These odors were not from our facility. We also detected odors being generated around the area on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We continue to record odors around our area as personnel are available.

I appreciate your email on February 27<sup>th</sup> letting me know about your visit on February 20<sup>th</sup>. It is difficult to determine the cause of the odor you detected seven days after your visit. There was a lot of work performed on our oven in preparation for our stacks during the week of February 18<sup>th</sup>. I'm not sure if any of the work may have contributed to the odors you detected.

Sam Atalla from the City of Sterling Heights Building Services was at our facility on two occasions relating to the stack permits during the week of February 18<sup>th</sup>. Aware of the complaints made regarding odors, he walked around our facility and stated that he didn't smell anything.

Would it be possible for the department to immediately alert us of a complaint so that we may be able to meet and investigate the source? Although we have not been able to determine the origin, there are new odors being generated in our area.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Philip Oliver

Cc: Ms. Jenine Camilleri