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February 3, 2021

Troy Kovach
Matthews Mill Inc.
6400 East County Line Road
South Branch, Michigan 48761

SRN: N5346, Iosco County

Dear Mr. Kovach:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On February 2, 2021, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Matthews Mill Inc. located at 6400 East County Line Road, South Branch, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Matthews Mill Inc.'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; the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) number 462-94; and to investigate a complaint received on January 29, 2021, regarding fugitive dust attributed to sawmill operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Cyclone Dust Collector	Rule 910; SC 19	Sawdust produced during facility operation was not properly collected to minimize outer air emissions.
Cyclone Dust Collector	Rule 370; SC 21	Sawdust collected from the control device was not stored in a manner to prevent reintroduction of contaminants to the outer air.

On February 2, 2021, the AQD staff observed operation of Matthews Mill Inc. sawmill while the cyclone dust collector was not operating properly. Sawdust was observed blowing out of the cyclone and areas of the ductwork. Sawdust was also observed on the ground near the cyclone and on the roof of the sawmill. This constitutes a violation of Rule 910 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451, which requires that

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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 violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by February 24, 2021 (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.

Please submit the written response to EGLE, AQD, Bay City District, at 401 Ketchum Street, Suite B, Bay City, Michigan 48708 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Matthews Mill 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.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Matthews Mill Inc. 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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