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Ms. Kerry Kelly, Environmental Quality Analyst  
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Dear Ms. Kelly:

This letter is in response to your violation notice issued 8/6/15 stating "unpermitted vapor degreaser externally vented."

To the best of my knowledge the external vent pipe was installed when the vapor degreaser was installed at our new facility in 2011. Upon realization during your inspection visit on July 14, 2015 that external venting was not allowed, we evaluated the venting system. As a trial, we closed off the degreaser vent pipe opening with sheet metal. After significant usage it was determined that the vent pipe was accomplishing nothing. This finding confirmed DEQ engineer Lim's assessment, that the passive venting (no blower) would have a negligible effect upon air quality to both the outside and inside atmosphere.

Based upon the above findings, we concluded that 1)the pipe was not needed and 2)the pipe was not facilitating any tangible external venting of the vapor degreaser. As such, the vapor degreaser opening will remain (since July 15, 2015) closed off permanently. All pertinent employees have been notified of this situation and will participate in assuring future compliance with this DEQ regulation.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me. Again, thank you for your assistance and understanding.

Sincerely,

Bryan K. Mathews, President