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LANSING DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

September 23, 2021

Mr. Mickey Brutsche, Owner  
Central Michigan Crematory  
P.O. Box 1031  
Battle Creek, Michigan 49016

SRN: N6843, Ingham County

Dear Mr. Brutsche:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On July 15, 2021, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Central Michigan Crematory located at 455 N. Mason St., Mason, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Central Michigan Crematory'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; and the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) number 161-00, 228-09, and 128-12.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

<b>Process Description</b>	<b>Rule/Permit Condition Violated</b>	<b>Comments</b>
EUCREMATORY3 (G)	128-12 Special Condition (SC) 3.1	Failure to combust waste at a maintained minimum temperature of 1600 degrees F.
EUCREMATORY3 (G)	128-12 SC 4.1	Failure to maintain and operate a device to monitor and record temperature.
EUCREMATORY3 (G)	128-12 SC 6.1	Failure to record temperature on a continuous basis.
EUCREMATORY3 (G)	128-12 SC 6.3	Failure to keep temperature records on file for minimum of 5 years.

**- RECORDKEEPING/REPORTING.**

During the inspection, Central Michigan Crematory was unable to produce the following records.

The conditions of PTI number 128-12 require continuous monitoring of temperature of the secondary combustion chamber and that temperature records for the secondary combustion chamber remain on file for a minimum of 5 years, which shall be made available for review upon request by the AQD staff.

This is a violation of the recordkeeping requirements specified in Special Condition 6.1 of PTI number 128-12 and Special Condition 6.3 of PTI 128-12.

A violation was issued on December 10, 2018, for failure to keep temperature records of the secondary combustion chamber, therefore, this violation is considered ongoing.

**- RULE 910: AIR CLEANING DEVICES**

On July 15, 2021, the AQD staff observed operation of EUCREMATORY3 while the secondary combustion chamber was not operating up to temperature outlined in PTI 128-12.

PTI 128-12 SC 3.1: *The permittee shall not combust waste in EUCREMATORY3 unless a minimum temperature of 1600°F and a minimum retention time of 1.0 seconds in the secondary combustion chamber are maintained. (R 336.1301, R 336.1331, R 336.1910)*

This constitutes a violation of Rule 910 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451, which requires that an air-cleaning device shall be installed, maintained, and operated in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with the administrative rules and existing law.

A violation was issued on December 10, 2018, for failure to operate the secondary combustion chamber at a minimum temperature of 1600 degrees F, therefore, this violation is considered ongoing.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by October 14, 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.

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Please submit the written response to EGLE, AQD, Lansing District, at 525 W. Allegan Street, P.O. Box 30242, Lansing, Michigan 48909 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Central Michigan Crematory 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 Central Michigan Crematory. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samantha Davis".

Samantha Davis  
Environmental Quality Analyst  
Air Quality Division  
517-282-1373

cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE  
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Ms. Jenine Camilleri, EGLE  
Mr. Christopher Ethridge, EGLE  
Mr. Brad Myott, EGLE