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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DISTRICT OFFICE



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March 24, 2014

Mr. Lester Castillo, Plant Manager
J. G. Kern Enterprises, Inc.
44044 Merrill Road
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48314-1440

SRN: N7738, Macomb County

Dear Mr. Castillo:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On February 24, 2014, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of your facility located at 44044 Merrill Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine your facility'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 administrative rules and to investigate recent complaints which we received regarding "oily/musty" odors attributed to your facility operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
2 Heat Treat Processes with oil quenching	DEQ-AQD Administrative Rule R 336.1201(1)	Installing and operating the equipment/processes without first obtaining a permit to install.

During this inspection, it was noted that the facility had installed and commenced operation of an unpermitted process/equipment at this facility. The AQD staff advised the company that this is a potential violation of Act 451, Rule 201.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the 2 heat treat process equipment. An application form is available by request, or at the following website:

http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/nsr_information.shtml#AUP

Be advised that Rule 201 requires that a permit be obtained prior to installation, construction, operation, reconstruction, relocation, or alteration of any process or process equipment which may be a source of an air contaminant.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by April 14, 2014 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates 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 and are proposed to be taken to correct the violation and the dates by which these actions will take place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

If the company 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 violation cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to us during my inspection. If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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