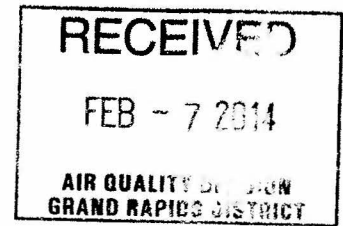




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February 6, 2014

Ms. Heidi Hollenbach & Mr. Eric Grinstern
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350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10
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Regarding: Response to Violation Notice dated 1/21/2014, Sietsema Farms,
PTI 163-08B, SRN#N8057

Dear Ms. Hollenbach & Mr. Grinstern:

Sietsema Farms Feeds, LLC, (Sietsema or the Company) is responding to the above referenced letter of violation with the following information:

- The air permit for the current configuration was issued on July 3, 2013 (PTI #163-08B).
- The trial operation includes only 22 days total and prior to the current shutdown. During the 22 days of trial operation, the unit could only achieve 85% of the design capacity. Operating at maximum capacity is a prerequisite of the emissions test protocol. It has been determined the problem is an improperly sized boiler superheater.
- To address the problem HTI, the unit manufacturer, has ordered the proper sized superheater and has projected a restart of the trial operation in April, 2014.
- The testing, scheduled for November 14, 2013 was postponed and a call to the MDEQ-AQD testing staff, Mr. Rob Dickman, was made. Mr. Dickman indicated he would coordinate and communicate with the AQD district staff.
- The Company will reschedule the stack test when the unit is again operational. An update of the status will be shared as appropriate. The Company intends to conduct the testing within the required 120 days of trial operations and achieving the required maximum operational capacity necessary for a successful demonstration test.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Jeff Pfost, Environmental Partners at 616-928-9129.

Sincerely,

Environmental Partners, Inc.



Jeffrey M. Pfost
Principal

cc: Mr. Rick Sietsema, Sietsema Farms Feeds, LLC
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