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January 26, 2016

Ms. Katie Montoya
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CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Dave Baldwin, Jr.
Trust Thermal Abatement, Inc.
210 South Water Street
Owosso, Michigan 48867

SRN: U111512045 – Berrien County

Dear Ms. Montoya and Mr. Baldwin:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On January 22, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division, performed an asbestos National Emissions Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) inspection located at 368 Brunson Avenue, Benton Harbor, Berrien County. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with the requirements of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 61, Subpart M (National Emission Standard for Asbestos), and Rule 942 of Part 55, Air Pollution Control of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

According to my investigation, Ms. Montoya is the responsible person for the subject property and Mr. Baldwin is the contractor who performed the abatement activities. The abatement occurred on December 8, 2015. The National Emission Standard for Asbestos holds both the owner and operator equally liable for violations.

During the investigation, staff observed the following:

- 1) Bags left in-house with suspect asbestos containing waste which was determined by the warning label on the exterior of the bag.
- 2) RACM was left in the structure after the abatement was finished and the structure was scheduled for demolition.

Process Description	Section Violated	Comments
Failure to remove RACM and Asbestos Containing Waste at the address stated above	§61.145(c)(1)	Failure to remove RACM
	§61.150(a)(1)(v)	No generator labels
	§61.150(b)(1)	Failure to deposit asbestos containing waste material as soon as practical

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this violation notice by February 15, 2016 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the date(s) 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 date(s) by which these actions will take place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence. The signed written response to this violation notice may be submitted by mail and directed to my attention at; DEQ AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909 or scanned and sent as an email attachment to brownj9@michigan.gov

If you believe the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute a violation 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 extended to me during our meeting and emails. If you have any questions regarding the violation notice or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at 517-559-7825; brownj9@michigan.gov; or DEQ AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

Sincerely,



Jeremiah Brown
Environmental Quality Analyst
Air Quality Division

cc: Ms. Teresa Seidel, DEQ
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