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May 17, 2016

Mr. Edward DeTour  
Northern Transitions, Inc.  
1401 W. Easterday Avenue  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783

SRN: U171603122, Chippewa County

Dear Mr. DeTour:

### **VIOLATION NOTICE**

On March 30, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Northern Transitions, Inc./Chippewa County Recycling Center located at 1401 W. Easterday Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Northern Transitions 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); and the administrative rules.

During this inspection, it was noted that Northern Transitions, Inc. had (installed and/or commenced operation of) an unpermitted (process/equipment) at this facility. The AQD staff advised Northern Transitions, Inc. on March 30, 2016, that this is a violation of Act 451, Rule 201.

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

[http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/nsr\\_information.shtml](http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/nsr_information.shtml)

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 June 7, 2016 (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 Northern Transitions, Inc. 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 me during my inspection of Northern Transitions, Inc.. 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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Air Quality Division  
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