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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

January 21, 2016

Mr. Brandyn Traum, Controller
Golden Grain Farms
3957 108th Street
Caledonia, Michigan 49306

Ionia County

Dear Mr. Traum:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On January 13, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), received a complaint regarding burning of a demolished residential structure on property owned by Golden Grain Farms on Dick Road in Ionia, Michigan.

On January 14, 2016, AQD staff conducted an inspection of your property located on Dick Road in Ionia, Michigan. The inspection confirmed that a residential structure was demolished and burned.

This constitutes a violation of Act 451, Rule 310 which prohibits the disposal of a structure through open burning.

In order to comply with Rule 310, Golden Grain Farms is advised to immediately discontinue any open burning of waste material.

The DEQ encourages the reuse and the recycling of wastes whenever possible. However, any waste that cannot be reused or recycled must be properly disposed of in accordance with Act 451, Part 115, Solid Waste Management, Section 11512(1).

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by February 11, 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 Golden Grain Farms 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.

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Thank you for your attention to resolving the violation cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Golden Grain Farms. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Grinstern", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Eric Grinstern
Environmental Quality Specialist
Air Quality Division
616-356-0266

cc: Ms. Heidi G. Hollenbach, DEQ
cc/via e-mail: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ
Ms. Teresa Seidel, DEQ
Mr. Thomas Hess, DEQ