



RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



DAN WYANT  
DIRECTOR

September 3, 2015

Mr. Ron Cordes  
Michigan Rail & Storage  
5758 Vinton NW  
Comstock Park, Michigan 49321

SRN: U41090574, Kent County

Dear Mr. Cordes:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On August 17, August 24, August 31, and September 1, 2015 , the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted investigations of Michigan Rail & Storage located at 5758 Vinton NW, Comstock Park, Michigan. The purpose of these investigations was to determine Michigan Rail & Storage'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 the numerous complaints received regarding the odors attributed to Michigan Rail & Storage.

During the investigations, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Animal Feed Storage	Rule 901	Nuisance Odors

In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the odors that were observed were of sufficient intensity, frequency and duration so as to constitute a violation of Rule 901. The odors were observed off-site and were emanating from the railroad cars associated with Michigan Rail & Storage operations.

In addition, AQD staff has observed smoke originating from the railroad cars associated with Michigan Rail & Storage operations. This smoke is unacceptable. In the compliance plan requested below, please include a summary of the actions taken to eliminate the smoke and steps being taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by September 24, 2015 (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

Mr. Ron Cordes  
Michigan Rail & Storage  
Page 2  
September 3, 2015

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 Michigan Rail & Storage 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. 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 cursive script that reads "Kaitlyn DeVries".

Kaitlyn DeVries  
Environmental Quality Analyst  
Air Quality Division  
616-356-0003

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