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DIRECTOR

June 27, 2019

Mr. Mike Knuth
Alternative Lawn Care
11249 Sparta Avenue NW
Sparta, Michigan 49345

SRN: U411906087, Kent County

Dear Mr. Knuth:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On June 17, 2019, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Alternative Lawn Care located at 11249 Sparta Avenue NW, Sparta, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Alternative Lawn Care'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 Air Pollution Control Rules; and to investigate a recent complaint received on June 16, 2019 regarding open burning at the Alternative Lawn Care facility.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

| Process Description | Rule/Permit Condition Violated | Comments |
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| Open Burning | Rule 310 | AQD staff observed open burning on a property within 1,400 feet of the Village of Sparta limits. |

On June 17, 2019, AQD staff observed open burning of brush, stumps and other lawn care materials at 11249 Sparta Avenue NW, Sparta, Michigan. The area of burning is within 1,400 feet of the Village of Sparta limit. This constitutes a violation of Rule 310 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451, which prohibits open burning within 1,400 feet of an incorporated city or village limit.

In order to comply with Rule 310, Alternative Lawn Care is advised to immediately discontinue any open burning.

EGLE 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 Part 115, Solid Waste Management, Section 11512(1) of Act 451.

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Additionally, if Alternative Lawn Care decides to incinerate their waste, it must be incinerated in a properly designed incinerator. An approved permit must be obtained from EGLE before commencing installation of any incinerator. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: www.michigan.gov/air (in the shaded box on the upper right-hand side of the page)

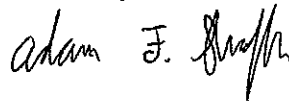
Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by July 18, 2019 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violation occurred; an explanation of the causes 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.

Please submit the written response to EGLE, AQD, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Alternative Lawn Care 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 Alternative Lawn Care. 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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cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE
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Ms. Jenine Camilleri, EGLE
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