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State of Michigan  
Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy  
ATTN: Ms. Jenine Camilleri,  
Enforcement Unit Supervisor  
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P.O. Box 30260  
Lansing, MI 48909-7760

Re: Violation Notice ID: U442102125  
Novak's Supply and Equipment

Dear Mr. McGeen,

Novak's Supply and Equipment has requested my assistance with the Violation Notice dated May 7, 2021. Please allow this to serve as Novak's Supply and Equipment written response as requested.

**Dates violation occurred** – It is important to note that Novak's never intended to incinerate scrap tires or any rubber material and that the burning of the rubber was an accidental, isolated event. Novak's has, on occasion, burned cardboard and small wooden pallets under the mistaken belief (based on the geography of his business and amount of space) that it was permissible to do so. On or about May 1, 2022 Novak's attempt to burn cardboard material and that fire accidentally spread to scrap tire material. Novak's understands it is not permissible to burn (scrap) tires and is determined to never allow that to happen again.

**Explanation of the causes and duration of the violation**- the fire involving scrap tires was a first for Novak's, was caused by the inadvertent spread of fire and was extinguished immediately.

**Whether the violation is ongoing** – Novak’s has ceased burning any material whatsoever and as stated the fire involving tires was an isolated event. Neither cardboard, pallets nor rubber will be burned by Novak in the future.

**Summary of actions taken and proposed** – Novak’s had a 2-yard waste container at this site and has since replaced it with a 6-yard waste container and regular service which provides ample support to manage the waste effectively and legally. This change was made permanent as of May 7, 2021. Novak’s has also strictly forbidden any employee, customer etc. to use fire for any reason, waste disposal included. That policy, together with ample waste management resources, and the lessons learned will prevent a reoccurrence.

Novak is committed to strict legal compliance of all laws and regulations.

Thank you for your time and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (248) 990-8445.

Regards,

  
J. Alexander Dillon, Esq.