

## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SAGINAW BAY



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DIRECTOR

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Mr. Mike Bublitz Bierlein Companies, Inc. 2000 Bay City Road Midland, Michigan 48642

Ms. Amy Derleth Covenant HealthCare 1447 North Harrison Street Saginaw, Michigan 48602

SRN: U731708432, Saginaw County

Dear Mr. Bublitz and Ms. Derleth:

## **VIOLATION NOTICE**

On December 19, 2017, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division, conducted an inspection of 1527 Bond Street, Saginaw, Saginaw County, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with the requirements of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 61, Subpart M (National Emission Standard for Asbestos), and Rule 942 of Part 55, Air Pollution Control of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

According to our investigation, Covenant HealthCare owns the facility and Bierlein Companies, Inc. performed the abatement activities at the facility. The National Emission Standard for Asbestos holds both the owner and operator equally liable for violations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

The asbestos in the structure was abated and the notification for the abatement indicated the abatement was finished; however, a light heat shield with thermal systems insulation (TSI) was found on the ceiling of the second-floor room to the left of the stairs and vermiculite was found in the attic of the residence.

Process Description	Section Violated	Comments
TSI was left in the structure after	§61.145(a)	Failure to thoroughly inspect.
abatement was finished, but before demolition.	§61.145(c)(1)	Failure to remove RACM.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by January 29, 2018 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violations occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; whether the violations are ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations and the dates by which these actions will take place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence. The signed written response from the owner (Covenant HealthCare) and the operator (Bierlein Companies, Inc.) to this violation notice may be submitted by mail and directed to my attention at: DEQ, AQD, 401 Ketchum Street, Suite B, Bay City, Michigan 48708, or scanned and sent as an email attachment to karlm@michigan.gov.

If you believe the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute violations of the applicable legal requirements cited, please provide appropriate information to explain your position.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during our phone conversations and emails. If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at: 989-439-3779; karlm@michigan.gov; or DEQ AQD, 401 Ketchum Street, Suite B, Bay City, Michigan 48708.

Sincerely.

Matthew Karl

**Environmental Quality Analyst** 

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Air Quality Division

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