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KALAMAZOO DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

May 13, 2024

Eric Bock  
Otsego Paper Inc.  
320 North Farmer Street  
Otsego, Michigan 49078

SRN: A0023, Allegan County

Dear Eric Bock:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On December 12, 2023, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Otsego Paper Inc. located at 320 North Farmer Street, Otsego, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Otsego Paper 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

- the conditions of Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) number MI-ROP-A0023-2019b;

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

<b>Process Description</b>	<b>Rule/Permit Condition Violated</b>	<b>Comments</b>
SOURCE WIDE	Special Condition VI.1 and 2	For the Source Wide conditions the facility should include exempt, permitted, and grandfathered equipment that emit HAP emissions facility wide. The facility appeared to not be including HAP emissions from the Paper Machine, emergency generators, and EUWAREHOUSEHEATERS for the calculation.
SOURCE WIDE	Special Condition VI.7	For the Source Wide conditions, the facility should include exempt, permitted, and grandfathered equipment that emit NOx emissions facility wide. The facility appeared to not include NOx emissions from the emergency generators and EUWAREHOUSEHEATERS in the facility wide calculations.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by June 3, 2024 (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.

Please submit the written response to Cody Yazzie at EGLE, AQD, Kalamazoo District, at 7953 Adobe Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009 or YazzieC@michigan.gov and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Otsego Paper Inc. 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 violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Otsego Paper Inc. If you have any questions regarding the violations or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



Cody Yazzie  
Environmental Engineer  
Air Quality Division  
269-312-2754

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