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GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

May 3, 2024

Kevin Baney  
Sparks Belting Company  
5005 Kraft Avenue SE  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49512

SRN: P1156, Kent County

Dear Kevin Baney:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On March 27, 2024, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Sparks Belting Company located at 5005 Kraft Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Sparks Belting Company'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 the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) number 182-20.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

| Process Description                     | Rule/Permit Condition Violated                | Comments   |
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| Urethane blending and molding operation | FG-BELTPRODUCTION, Special Condition No. VI.2 | Failure to determine volatile organic compound content and chemical composition of a material. |
| Urethane blending and molding operation | FG-BELTPRODUCTION Special Condition No. VI.3  | Failure to calculate volatile organic compound emissions.                                      |
| Source-wide recordkeeping               | FGFACILITY, Special Condition No. VI.3        | Failure to calculate hazardous air pollutant emissions.  |

During the inspection the AQD learned that Sparks Belting Company was not maintaining usage or emissions records for a new solvent being used at the facility that contains both volatile organic compounds and hazardous air pollutants.

This is a violation of the recordkeeping provisions specified in PTI No. 182-20 as specified above.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by May 24, 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 April Lazzaro at EGLE, AQD, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 or LazzaroA1@Michigan.gov and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Sparks Belting Company 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 Sparks Belting Company. 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,



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Senior Environmental Quality Analyst  
Air Quality Division  
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