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DIRECTOR

August 20, 2021

Mike Schunk
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SRN: U262104352, Gladwin County

Dear Mr. Schunk:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On August 17, 2021, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), began receiving complaints regarding smoke and foul odors attributed to a compost fire at AmeriHemp, Inc operations. Complaints from local township officials requested AQD determine AmeriHemp Inc'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 Rule 336.1310.

AQD staff confirmed the following through conversations with AmeriHemp, Inc, Grout Township Supervisor, and the Fire Chief of the Gladwin Rural Urban Fire Department:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Open burning of compost material	R 336.1310	Numerous calls have been received from citizens and Township officials due to concerns from the combustion of hemp material in the facility parking lot.

On August 18, 2021, AQD staff confirmed reports of open burning of hemp compost material at AmeriHemp, Inc. This constitutes a violation of Rule 310 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451, which prohibits open burning of refuse, garbage, or any other waste material at any business or commercial operation. In order to comply with Rule 310, AmeriHemp, Inc 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 AmeriHemp, Inc 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 September 10, 2021 (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, Bay City District, at 401 Ketchum Street, Suite B, Bay City, Michigan 48708 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If AmeriHemp, 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 violation cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me. 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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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Robert North, Gladwin County
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