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GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

October 2, 2108

Mr. Mervin Yoder
MM Sawmill
8613 184th Street
Holton, Michigan 49425

SRN: U641807905, Oceana County

Dear Mr. Yoder:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On September 24, 2018, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of MM Sawmill located at 8613 184th Street, Holton, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine MM Sawmill'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 to investigate a recent complaint which we received on September 21, 2018, regarding smoke attributed to open burning operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Sawmill Operations	Rule 201 (R 336.1201)	Failure to obtain a permit to intsal.
Waste Disposal	Rule 310 (R 336.1310)	Open Burning

During this inspection, it was noted that MM Sawmill had installed and commenced operation of unpermitted equipment at this facility. The AQD staff advised MM Sawmill on September 24, 2018, that this is a violation of Rule 201 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the Saw Mill process equipment. An application form is enclosed.

Be advised that Rule 201 requires that a permit be obtained prior to installation, construction, operation, reconstruction, relocation, or alteration of any process or process equipment which may be a source of an air contaminant.

On September 24, 2018, AQD staff observed open burning of waste material at MM Sawmill. 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, MM Sawmill is advised to immediately discontinue any open burning.

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The DEQ 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. Additionally, if MM Sawmill decides to incinerate their waste, it must be incinerated in a properly designed incinerator. An approved permit must be obtained from the DEQ before commencing installation of any incinerator. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: www.michigan.gov/deqair (in the shaded box on the upper right-hand side of the page)

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by October 23, 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.

Please submit the written response to the DEQ, AQD, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at the DEQ, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If MM Sawmill 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 MM Sawmill. 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,



Chris Robinson
Environmental Quality Analyst
Air Quality Division
616-558-0259

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ
Mr. Craig Fitzner, DEQ
Mr. Christopher Ethridge, DEQ
Ms. Jenine Camilleri, DEQ
Ms. Heidi Hollenbach, DEQ