

## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY LANSING



September 17, 2018

## **UPS NEXT DAY DELIVERY**

## **ENFORCEMENT NOTICE**

In the matter of:

Rollie Williams Paint Spot 1179 Kent Street Elkhart, Indiana 46514

SRN: A0703; Cass County

ATTENTION: Mr. Jeffery Schwartz

This letter is to advise you of the commencement of escalated enforcement action against Axium Group, LLC (Company). This letter follows the April 9, 2018, and June 29, 2018, Violation Notices issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD) which detailed violations of Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994, PA 451, as amended (NREPA), MCL 324.5501 *et seq.*; and Renewable Operating Permit No. MI-ROP-A0703-2017.

The cited violations against the Company are federally enforceable and are considered a High Priority Violation (HPV) by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The HPV designation means that the EPA places a priority on enforcing the regulations governing this violation and on formally resolving alleged violations of this type. The AQD is required to report all HPVs to the EPA, pursuant to the state's grant commitments with the EPA and the state's delegated enforcement authority of the federal Clean Air Act.

The AQD is providing the Company with an opportunity to formally resolve these violations through the entry of a legally enforceable agreement that will include a compliance program and payment of an appropriate monetary penalty pursuant to Section 5528 of Part 55 of NREPA, MCL 324.5528.

Be advised that failure to respond to this Enforcement Notice in a timely manner and adequately resolve the cited violations may result in further enforcement proceedings, including but not limited to, referral of the matter to the Michigan Department of Attorney General (MDAG) for commencement of civil litigation.

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The Enforcement Notice does not preclude or limit the MDEQ's ability to initiate any other enforcement action under federal or state law as appropriate.

Please contact me at 517-284-6772, or by email at wolfj2@michigan.gov, no later than September 28, 2018, to schedule a meeting to discuss the resolution of this matter.

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By:

Jason Wolf

Air Quality Division, Enforcement Unit

Date: 9-17-18

cc: Ms. Sarah Marshall, U.S. EPA, Region 5

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