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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT OFFICE



DAN WYANT
DIRECTOR

December 12, 2014

Mr. Steve Long, Plant Manager
Ameriwood Industries
202 Spaulding Street
Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

SRN: A0749, Cass County

Dear Mr. Long:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On December 9, 2014, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Ameriwood Industries (Facility), located at 202 Spaulding Street, Dowagiac, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine the Facility'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 administrative rules; and the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) No. 172-96.

During the inspection, staff of the AQD observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Wood-fired boiler	Special Condition 13 of PTI No. 172-96.	Opacity from the stack exceeded a 6-minute average of 20%

During this inspection, it was noted that the Facility's wood-fired boiler was emitting opacity in excess of emissions allowed by Rule 301 of Act 451.

Enclosed are copies of the instantaneous and 6-minute average readings taken at the Facility. The highest 6-minute average opacity was 45 percent. The second highest 6-minute average opacity was 38 percent.

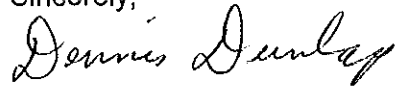
Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by January 5, 2015. The written response should include: the dates the violation occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violation; whether the violation is ongoing; 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.

If the Facility 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.

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Thank you for your attention to resolving the violation cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of the Facility. If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring this Facility into compliance, please contact me at the telephone number listed below.

Sincerely,



Dennis Dunlap
Environmental Quality Specialist
Air Quality Division
269-567-3553

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ
Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ
Ms. Teresa Seidel, DEQ
Mr. Thomas Hess, DEQ
Ms. Mary Douglas, DEQ