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November 20, 2019

Mr. Duncan Gray, Plant Manager
Decorative Panels International
416 Ford Avenue
Alpena, Michigan 49707

SRN: B1476, Alpena County

Dear Mr. Gray:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On October 9, 2019, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an odor evaluation for residential areas surrounding Decorative Panels International located at 416 Ford Avenue, Alpena, Michigan. The purpose of this odor evaluation was to investigate a complaint which we received on October 9, 2019, regarding a sweet pungent offensive wood odor attributed to Decorative Panel International's operations.

During the evaluation, AQD staff observed an intense sour wood odor, detected along Second Avenue between Fletcher Street and Lake Street. The odor was strongest in front of St Mary Catholic Church.

In the professional judgment of the AQD staff, the odors that were observed were of sufficient intensity and duration so as to constitute a violation of Rule 901 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451 and the conditions of Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) number MI-ROP-B1476-2015a.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by December 13, 2019. The written response should include: 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, Gaylord District, at 2100 West M-32, Gaylord, Michigan 49735 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Decorative Panels International 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. 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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Environmental Engineer
Air Quality Division
989-217-0051

cc: Mr. Scott Ickes, Decorative Panels International
Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE
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