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VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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

SRN: B1476, Alpena County

Dear Mr. Gray:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On June 2, 2021, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an odor survey at Decorative Panels International (DPI) located at 416 Ford Avenue, Alpena, Michigan. The purpose of this survey was to determine DPI'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 recent odor complaints which we received from May 28 through June 2, 2021.

During the odor survey, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Manure odor from wet sludge pile	Rule 901	Distinct and definite objectional manure odor observed at Ford Avenue and Hamilton Street.
Sweet burnt wood odor	Rule 901	Distinct and definite objectional sweet burnt wood odor observed at 2nd Avenue and Lake Street, and at Merchant Street and Clark Street.

In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the odors that were observed were of sufficient intensity, frequency and duration to constitute a violation of Rule 901 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451. The AQD staff detected manure odors in the residential area near DPI as far as Hamilton Street and Taylor Street. The sweet burnt wood odor was detected in the residential area as far as Lake Street and Pine Street.

The AQD is aware that DPI intends to remove the wet sludge/wet sludge mixture from the plant by July 4, 2021. Based on the intensity of the odors and the number of complaints received, the AQD urges DPI to implement faster actions to resolve the odor

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issue. In addition, the AQD requests DPI submit and maintain an Odor Minimization Plan for both cited odors.

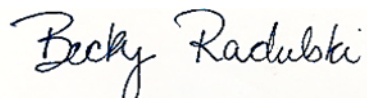
Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by June 18, 2021. The written response should include: the dates the violations occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; whether the violations are ongoing; 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 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 DPI 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 during my inspection of DPI. 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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