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GAYLORD DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

November 2, 2022

Dan VanMassenhove  
Decorative Panels International  
416 Ford Avenue  
Alpena, Michigan 49707

SRN: B1476, Alpena County

Dear Dan VanMassenhove:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On October 31, 2022, 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 odor 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 complaints which we received regarding odors attributed to DPI’s operations.

During the odor survey, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Sweet woody odor, burnt wood odor	R 336.1901(b)	On October 31, 2022, AQD staff followed up on complaints of wood odors coming from this facility and were able to verify that these burnt woody odors with a component of sweet woody odors were a violation of Rule 901(b).

In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the odors that were observed were of sufficient intensity, frequency and duration so as to constitute a violation of Rule 901 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

On October 31, 2022, around 12:17 pm, AQD staff detected odors along Ford Avenue and in the neighborhood north-west of DPI as far as Miller Street and Walnut Street. The wind was primarily out of the south-east at 0-5 mph. The odors were impacting area residents. The odors, best described as burnt woody odors with a sweet woody component, were identified at a level 3 on the odor scale (distinct and definite objectionable) on Ford Avenue at Miller Street.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by November 23, 2022 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). 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.

Please submit the written response to EGLE, AQD, Gaylord District Office, at 2100 West M-32, Gaylord, Michigan 49735 and submit a copy to 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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Air Quality Division  
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