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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
CADILLAC DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

May 2, 2018

Mr. Michael Nixon  
Holcim (US) Inc.  
1435 Ford Avenue  
Alpena, Michigan 49707

SRN: B1477, Alpena County

Dear Mr. Nixon:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), reviewed the quarterly excess emission report submitted by Holcim (US) Inc. DBA Lafarge Alpena Plant (Lafarge Alpena) located at 1435 Ford Avenue, Alpena. The Renewable Operating Permit number MI-ROP-B1477-2012c requires the facility to monitor and record visible emissions from EU KILN 19 on a continuous basis in a manner and with instrumentation acceptable to the AQD.

The first quarter 2018 excess emissions report indicated that there was an extended period of monitor downtime. Specifically, the opacity monitor downtime was reported at 10.57 % of the operating time for the quarter.

During the report review, staff noted the following:

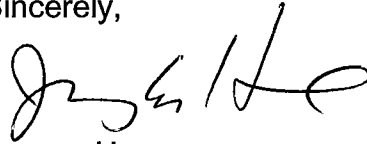
Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
EU KILN 19	MI-ROP-B1477-2012c, FG KG5, VI, 2	Failure to continuously monitor.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by May 23, 2018 (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.

If Lafarge Alpena 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. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Howe', written in a cursive style.

Jeremy Howe  
Environmental Quality Analyst  
Air Quality Division  
231-878-6687

cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ  
Mr. Craig Fitzner, DEQ  
Mr. Chris Ethridge, DEQ  
Mr. Malcolm Mead-O'Brien, DEQ  
Ms. Karen Kajiya-Mills, DEQ  
Mr. Shane Nixon, DEQ  
Mr. Kurt Childs, DEQ