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Mr. David Noble  
Michigan Sugar Company - Bay City Plant  
2600 South Euclid Avenue  
Bay City, MI 48706

SRN: B1493, Bay County

Dear Mr. Noble:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On March 9, 2016 and March 22, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an odor evaluations for residential areas surrounding Michigan Sugar Company – Bay City Plant located at 2600 South Euclid Avenue, Bay City, Michigan. The purpose of this odor evaluation was to verify the odors as well as to determine if odors reported were in 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.

A minimum of 10 complaints of foul odors, attributed to Michigan Sugar Company operations were received for the period of March 3<sup>rd</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. A minimum of 7 odor complaints attributed to Michigan Sugar Company operations were received for the period of March 17<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. The AQD staff detected odors in residential areas downwind of the subject site. Odors noted were reported to be more of a sour-septic and/or manure-like nature.

During the referenced evaluations, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Waste Water Treatment Ponds	901	Odors reported to range from strong sewer-like to manure-like odors

In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the odors that were observed during the two above referenced events were of sufficient intensity, frequency and duration so as to constitute a violation of Rule 901 (and General Condition number 12 of ROP number MI-ROP-B1490-2011b).

No written response to this Violation Notice is required. Please initiate any additional actions necessary to correct the cited violation and prevent a reoccurrence.

If Michigan Sugar Company believes the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute the 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,



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