

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SAGINAW BAY DISTRICT OFFICE



C. HEIDI GRETHER DIRECTOR

November 7, 2017

Mr. David Noble Michigan Sugar Company - Bay City Plant 122 Uptown Drive, Suite 300 Bay City, Michigan 48708

SRN: B1493, Bay County

Dear Mr. Noble:

## **VIOLATION NOTICE**

On October 27, 2017, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an odor evaluation 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 eleven (11) complaints of foul odors, attributed to Michigan Sugar Company – Bay City Plant operations were received for the period of October 18 through October 27, 2017. The AQD staff detected odors in areas downwind of the subject site. Odors noted were reported to be of sewage or manure-like nature.

During the referenced evaluations, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Michigan Sugar Facility	901	Odors reported as detected included strong sewage or manure-like odors.

In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the odors that were observed during the 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-B1493-2011b).

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 – Bay City Plant believes the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute the violations of the applicable legal 401 KETCHUM STREET • SUITE B • BAY CITY, MICHIGAN 48708

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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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