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July 29, 2021

Mr. Wendell Kauffman, President
Kent Foundry Company
1413 Callaghan Street
Greenville, Michigan 48838

SRN: B1737, Montcalm County

Dear Mr. Kauffman:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On June 23, 2021, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Kent Foundry Company, located at 1413 Callaghan Street, Greenville, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Kent Foundry Company'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 the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) number 704-91C.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
EUPROCESSA	PTI No. 704-91C, EUPROCESSA, Special Condition IV.2	Failure to maintain and operate a broken bag detection system
EUPROCESSB	PTI No. 704-91C, EUPROCESSB, Special Condition IV.2	Failure to maintain and operate a broken bag detection system
EUPROCESSC	PTI No. 704-91C, EUPROCESSC, Special Condition IV.2	Failure to maintain and operate a broken bag detection system
EUPROCESSD	PTI No. 704-91C, EUPROCESSD, Special Condition III.1	Failure to maintain a minimum temperature of 1240 degrees F, for the exhaust gases from the Thermfire System

During this inspection, it was noted that the broken bag detection systems on each of the baghouses controlling emissions from EUPROCESSA, EUPROCESSB, and EUPROCESSC, respectively, were installed but not maintained and operating in a functional manner. Additionally, review of the provided temperature records for EUPROCESSD (Thermfire System - thermal sand reclaim unit) showed brief periods of time where the readings were below the required minimum temperature of 1240 degrees F for the time period of June 3, 2021, through June 19, 2021.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by August 19, 2021 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). 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, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue, NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Kent Foundry Company 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 violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Kent Foundry Company. If you have any questions regarding the violations 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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cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE
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