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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
UPPER PENINSULA DISTRICT OFFICE



C. HEIDI GREETHER
DIRECTOR

February 9, 2018

Mr. Roger Kipling
Robbins Inc.
445 Greenwood Street
Ishpeming, Michigan 49849

SRN: B1838, Marquette County

Dear Mr. Kipling:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On February 7, 2018, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Robbins Inc. located at 445 Greenwood Street, Ishpeming, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Robbins' 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 number 483-95.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Operation of a wood fired boiler for heat. Maximum heat input rate: 8 MBTU/hr	R 336.1301 (1) (a) Exceeded a 6 minute average of 20% opacity	Performed an EPA Method 9 Visible Emissions reading of the boiler stack (test record attached). A 6 minute average of 32.5% opacity was observed.

During this inspection it was noted that Robbins' boiler processes were emitting opacity in excess of emissions allowed by Act 451, Rule 301.

Enclosed is a copy of the instantaneous and six-minute average readings taken at Robbins Inc.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by March 2, 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 Robbins Inc. 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 Robbins Inc.. 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,



Sydney Bruestle
Environmental Quality Analyst
Air Quality Division
906-236-3995

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Frank Misale, Robbins Inc.
cc/via e-mail: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ
Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ
Mr. Chris Ethridge, DEQ
Mr. Thomas Hess, DEQ
Mr. Ed Lancaster, DEQ