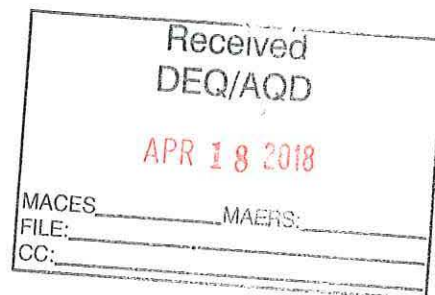


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Dear Sydney,

As per our conversation on Friday, I am writing to inform you of our progress related to our current wood-fired boiler. Our upper management team located in Cincinnati, Ohio has informed us that at the end of the current heating season we will be shutting down our current boiler system permanently. We expect to be able to shut our boiler down by the end of May. This will necessitate approving and installing a new boiler system to accommodate our heating needs by the start of the next heating season, presumably by early in September.

The Company is looking at options to replace our current system. They are exploring the possibility of either a biomass burning system, or a natural gas burning system. No system has been ruled out at this point. Depending on the system chosen, we may still fall under the requirement to permit the new system. When the final decision is made on which system we will use, we will be contacting the DEQ to let you know the outcome. If permitting is required, we will apply at that time for a permit-to-install.

Of course, no matter the outcome of that decision, we understand that we are still required to fulfill our obligation to limit our smoke stack emissions to 20% opacity or less. We have had good results in the last few weeks in getting our emissions under that limit. Our boiler operator has been adjusting, to the extent possible, the texture of the sawdust being burned, as well as the air flow into the boiler to burn the mix as cleanly as possible. As a result, our

emissions have been steadily declining in opacity to meet the conditions of our present permit.

We are confident that with a new boiler system, we will be able to meet the 20% opacity limit on our smoke stack emissions, especially if a natural gas system is selected. However, we will continue to monitor and modify the present boiler until we can shut it down permanently.

We look forward with anticipation to the installation of our new boiler system, and we much appreciate the help your office has provided to help us through this process.

Best regards, Sincerely,



Frank Misale, Safety Coordinator