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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
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DIRECTOR

March 19, 2015

Mr. Bruce Milligan
Barber Steel Foundry Corporation
2625 West Winston Road
Rothbury, Michigan 49452

SRN: B1961, Oceana County

Dear Mr. Milligan:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On February 11, 2015, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), received notification from Barber Steel Foundry Corporation (BSF) disclosing an issue regarding the melt furnace collector. The notification stated that from January 6, 2015 through January 30, 2015, the melt furnace operated for part or all of 16 shifts with cartridges removed from the collector by BSF personnel to allow for increased flow at the melt furnace hood. The notification further states that BSF cancelled melting operations from February 2, 2015 through February 6, 2015 to facilitate work on the collector and allow for the installation of new cartridges.

Operation of the melt furnace without a properly maintained and operated collector is a violation of Permit to Install No. 12-14, Special Condition IV.1, as well as 40 CFR 63.10895(b). Additionally, as noted in BSF's disclosure, failing to comply with Permit to Install No. 12-14 subjects BSF to stipulated fines in accordance with Consent Order No. 58-2014.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by April 8, 2015 (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.

If BSF 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.

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Thank you for your attention to resolving the violations cited above. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric Grinstern".

Eric Grinstern
Environmental Quality Specialist
Air Quality Division
616-356-0266

cc: Ms. Heidi Hollenbach, DEQ
cc/via e-mail: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ
Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ
Ms. Teresa Seidel, DEQ
Mr. Thomas Hess, DEQ