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EGLE, AQD  
Bay City District  
401 Ketchum Street  
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RE: VN 7-23-2021

Dear Ms. McCann

In response to Violation Notice VN 7-23-2021, US Graphite, Inc has reviewed our procedure regarding our duct collector at 1510 E Holland Saginaw, MI 48601.

On June 30, 2021, representatives of EGLE notified USG of a complaint. At that time, the concerns were reviewed and it was noted that the dust collector periodically "puffed" a small amount of carbon into the air. Reports of results were received from EGLE on July 22, 2021 that indicated the dust was the same make as dust being a nuisance to the neighbors.

In immediate response, the filters on the dust collector were replaced on July 7, 2021 with 32 AirMax AMX500 Premium Cartridge filters. Upon inspection, it was determined that two of the filters were torn. That appears to have resolved the issue.

To prevent a future issue, we have implemented a six month replacement schedule.

The unit was reviewed and those mitigation measures appear to have resolved the issue.

We are reviewing procedures with the maintenance personnel to prepare and implement a malfunction abatement plan. This plan will be submitted in accordance with the request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Regards,

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Director of Human Resources

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