

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY





September 18, 2017

## <u>CERTIFIED MAIL - 7010 0290 0000 3734 2378</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

OmniSource 711 Lewis Street P.O. Box 1327 Jackson, Michigan 49204

SRN: B2281, Jackson County

Dear Mr. Douglas McDonald:

## **VIOLATION NOTICE**

On August 3, 2017, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of OmniSource (Company) located at 711 Lewis Street, Jackson, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine OmniSource'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) and associated Air Pollution Control Rules and your Permit to Install (PTI) #93-04A.

During the inspection, AQD staff observed the following:

	Rule/Permit	
Process Description	Condition Violated	Comments
Torch cutting of metal being conducted outside on the ground by a contractor at the facility.	Rule 201. No Permit to Install (PTI).	Torch cutting was being conducted on the ground. Instantaneous opacity was estimated to be in excess of 50%. Soil from the ground was being entrained into the smoke. Several small fires were observed resulting from wood/debris that caught fire due to the torch cutting. As of December 20, 2016, there is no longer an applicable exemption to the requirement to obtain a PTI from this type of torch cutting process.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by October 9, 2017. The written response should include: the dates the violation occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violation; whether the violation are 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 the 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 violation cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of this Company. 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,

Mike Kovalchick

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Senior Environmental Engineer

Air Quality Division

517-780-5496

cc: Mr. Scott Miller, DEQ

cc/via e-mail: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ

Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ

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