

Mr. Matthew R. Karl Department of Environmental Quality 401 Ketchum St., Suite B Bay City, MI 48708 APR 18 2019

SAGINAW BAY

Subject:

Michigan Sugar Company's Response to the Violation Notice dated

April 4, 2019, SRN B1493 - Sebewaing Factory

Dear Mr. Karl

Michigan Sugar Company (MSC) is in receipt of the above referenced Violation Notice (VN) dated April 4, 2019, which alleges that Michigan Sugar failed to submit a semiannual deviation report for its Sebewaing Factory to the AQD district office by March 15, 2019 consistent with the requirements of its ROP. MSC is somewhat confused by the VN. Since the receipt of the VN, MSC has reviewed its records and discussed this issue with relevant staff, and is convinced that the semi-annual deviation report was sent to the agency via U.S. Mail on March 15, 2019. In fact, Adam Gennrich (Factory Chemist) reports that he generated the semi-annual deviation report on March 15, 2019 prior to submittal. A copy of the screen shot of the computer directory showing the last date that the file was modified (March 15, 2019) is attached. Adam did not send the report via certified mail; however, he personally delivered the report to the Sebewaing post office on March 15, 2019 and he asked to observe the letter being post-marked by the U.S. Post Office official present. Adam is personally familiar with the U.S. Post Office Official who was present at the time (Laura Nimitz) and believes that she will likely recall his request to observe the document being post-marked. Adam Gennrich is willing to execute an Affidavit verifying the statements above.

Based on the foregoing, MSC believes that the semi-annual deviation report was properly submitted to the MDEQ consistent with requirements of its permit. On at least prior occasion, the MDEQ has misplaced a semi-annual deviation report that was submitted by MSC (or at least failed to timely route it to the appropriate official). We respectfully request that the MDEQ review its files in an attempt to locate the documents submitted. In the meantime, consistent with the request contained in the VN, MSC has attached a copy of the semi-annual deviation report hereto.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, please contact Steve Smock (989/686-1549 ext. 2236) with any questions or comments.

Sincerely.

Steven Smock, Environmental Manager

cc:

C. Hare, DEQ (electronic) K. Scheffler

A. Gennrich

J. Lowry

## Enclosurers

Screen shot

Copy of MSC-Sebewaing (SRN: B2873) 2018 Annual and Semi-annual Report Certification and Deviation Reports

Screen Shot of Adam Gennrich's computer showing last saved date of 2018 annual and semiannual deviation and certification report

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Kelly Scheffler Factory Manager

Electronic & US Mail

March 15, 2019

Matthew Karl DNRE-AQD 401 Ketchum St., Suite B Bay City, MI 48708

Re:

2018 Semi-Annual ROP Deviation Report

(ROP No. MI-ROP-B2873-2012)

Dear Mr. Karl

Enclosed is the 2018 Annual and Second Semi-Annual Deviation Report and associated Certification Report for the *Michigan Sugar Company – Sebewaing Factory* as per the air permit MI-ROP-B2873- 2012.

As always, Michigan Sugar Company strives to comply with all environmental issues, including education and community involvement. We work very hard to help MDEQ promote a cleaner environment for the future of the Great Lakes Region and look forward to continuing our productive relationship with MDEQ.

If there are any further concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Kelly Scheffler

cc:

S. Smock

A. Gennrich







MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AIR QUALITY DIVISION

**DEQ-AQD** 

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# RENEWABLE OPERATING PERMIT REPORT CERTIFICATION SAGINAW BAY

Authorized by 1994 P.A. 451, as amended. Failure to provide this information may result in civil and/or criminal penalties.

Reports submitted pursuant to R 336.1213 (Rule 213), subrules (3)(c) and/or (4)(c), of Michigan's Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) program must be certified by a responsible official. Additional information regarding the reports and documentation listed below must be kept on file for at least 5 years, as specified in Rule 213(3)(h)(ii), and he made available to the Department of Environmental Quality. Air Quality Division upon request,

ource Name <u>Michigan Sugar Company - Seb</u>	ewaing	County Huron
ource Address 763 N. Beck Street		City Sebewaing
QD Source ID (SRN)B2873	ROP No. MI-ROP-B2873- 2012	ROP Section No. 1
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Annual Compliance Certification (Pursuant to	Rule 213(4)(c))	
Reporting period (provide inclusive dates): From 1. During the entire reporting period, this source term and condition of which is identified and inclumethod(s) specified in the ROP.	was in compliance with ALL terms an	ember 31, 2018 d conditions contained in the ROP, each used to determine compliance is/are the
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	Factory Manager	989-883-3201 Phone Number
Kelly Scheffler		MUQUE MIMBEL
Name of Responsible Official (print or type)	Title	i /
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<sup>\*</sup> Photocopy this form as needed.



## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AIR QUALITY DIVISION

# RENEWABLE OPERATING PERMIT DEVIATION REPORT

Authorized by 1994 P.A. 451, as amended. Failure to provide this information may result in civil and/or criminal penalties.

This form may be submitted in conjunction with the Renewable Operating Permit Report Certification form (EQP 5736) to report deviations from all general conditions and special conditions in the Renewable Operating (RO) Permit for which deviations required to be reported by Rule 213(3)(c) have occurred. Additional information regarding the reports and documentation listed below must be kept on file for at least 5 years, as described in General Condition No. 22 in the RO Permit and be made available to the Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, upon request. Items 1 - 8 must be completed for all deviations being reported.

Source Name Michigan Sugar Company County Huron							
Source Address 763 North Beck Street City Sebewaing							
AQD Source ID (SRN) B2873 RO Permit No. MI-ROP-B2873- 2012 RO Permit Section No. 1							
RO Permit Section Contact Kelly Scheffler Contact Phone No. 989-883-3201							
Reporting Period (provide inclusive dates): From July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018							
Report Type:   Annual   Other (Describe)							
1. Group or	2. Table/Condition No.	3. Date(s) of	Occurrence	4. Previously reported ?	5. Duration of Deviation		
Source Wide ID EU-PULPDRYER#2	VI.2	10/1/1	8, 10/3/18	Yes □ No ⊠ If Yes, Date	Hours(respectively) : 9,12		
6. Method Used to Determin		<u></u>	7. Description	on of Deviation			
(if different from method specified in RO Permit)  FGR flowrate was unavailable during the time period due to mechanical issue.							
8. Reason for Deviation and Description of Corrective Action Taken							
Repairs were made to the instrument and the instrument was returned to service as quickly as possible. Training will be given to the Dryer Operators on the importance of these readings and expected actions to be taken when the instrument is out of service.							
1. Group or	2. Table/Condition No.		f Occurrence	4. Previously reported?	5. Duration of Deviation		
Source Wide ID FG-BOILERS	VI.3.	9/1/18, 9/10/18, 9/11/18, 9/22/18, 9/24/18, 9/25/18, 9/26/18, 9/28/18, 10/7/18, 11/9/18, 11/11/18		If Yes, Date	2, 1, 1, 2, 6, 11, 3, 1, 1, 2, 1 hours respectively		
6. Method Used to Determine Compliance Status (if different from method specified in RO Permit)  7. Description of Deviation							
Pressure Drop Low Reading for We				rop Low Reading for Wet So	crubber Venturi.		
9. Reason for Deviation and Description of Corrective Action Taken							
Low pressure reading. Believe issue is related to plugging and moisture in pressure sensor lines. All other parameters indicate stable operation. Cleaning resolved issue.							

## MDEQ COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE MONITORING (CAM) EXCURSION/EXCEEDANCE AND DOWNTIME SUMMARY REPORT FORM<sup>2</sup>

FACILITY NAME/SRN#: Sebewaing / B2873

REPORTING PERIOD: July 1 to December 31, 2018

Date <sup>1</sup> :	ROP Emission Unit or Flexible Group ID:	Monitoring Device or Method:	Performance Indicator:	Duration:	Cause:	Corrective action:	Comments:
9/1/18, 9/10/18, 9/11/18, 9/22/18, 9/24/18, 9/25/18, 9/26/18, 9/28/18, 10/7/18, 11/9/18,	FG-BOILERS	Pressure Gauge	Readout	2, 1, 1, 2, 6, 11, 3, 1, 1, 2, 1 hours respectively	Plugged line due to freezing &/or dirt.	Cleaning and then replacement when cleaning became unreliable.	From experience before and after it is known that the pressure drop did not change during the incorrect reading incidents.
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If there were no exceedances/excursions during the reporting period, enter a value of "none" in the date column <sup>2</sup> This form should be sent with the semiannual Renewable Operating Permit Certification form. 2/8/2006