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RE: SRN: B4164, Ogemaw County

Dear Ms. Sheehan,

Please reference your letter dated August 13, 2019 regarding a violation notice related to visible emissions from our West Branch asphalt plant.

Our written response to information requested in your letter is as follows:

- a. The cause of the emitting opacity being in excess of emissions allowed was due to failed filter bags within the baghouse.
- b. The duration of the excess emissions was less than one day, since we did not see the emitting opacity in excess of emissions allowed during production on August 6th.
- c. At the end of production on August 7th, the baghouse was inspected and filter bags which had failed were replaced. Emitting opacity has been within allowable limits since that date.
- d. The importance of periodically checking the emitting opacity throughout the production day has been re-emphasized with plant staff. Ensuring that emitting opacity is reviewed has been accomplished by modifying the Daily Plant Report to incorporate emitting opacity review, including the time of the review.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me at the phone number above or mrbolen@live.com.

Sincerely,

Matthew R. Bolen
Secretary Treasurer

Cc: Ms. Jenine Camilleri, EGLE