

## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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August 21, 2017

## **UPS NEXT DAY DELIVERY**

## **ENFORCEMENT NOTICE**

In the matter of: BASF Corporation 1609 Biddle Avenue Wyandotte, Michigan 48192

ATTENTION: Mr. Jordan Thompson

This letter is to advise you of the commencement of escalated enforcement action against BASF Corporation (SRN: B4359). This letter follows the May 5, 2017, Violation Notice (VN) issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD) which detailed violations of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Kb Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Liquid Storage Vessels; Mich Admin Code, R 336.1702, R 336.1910, and R 336.1707; Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) MI-ROP-B4359-2003b; Permit to Install 80-11 and 113-07A.

The alleged violations against BASF Corporation are federally enforceable and are considered a High Priority Violation (HPV) by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The HPV designation means that the EPA places a priority on enforcing the regulations governing this violation and on formally resolving alleged violations of this type. The AQD is required to report all HPVs to the EPA, pursuant to the state's grant commitments with the EPA and the state's delegated enforcement authority of the federal Clean Air Act.

The AQD is hereby providing you with an opportunity to demonstrate compliance, present factual information in writing that should be considered regarding the violations, and meet to discuss options for satisfactorily resolving the violations. This proposed resolution would include, among other things, a compliance schedule and an appropriate monetary penalty. <u>Please contact me at 517-284-6772</u>, or by email at wolfj2@michigan.gov, no later than Tuesday, August 29, 2017, to schedule a meeting to discuss the resolution of this matter.

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Be advised that failure to respond to this Enforcement Notice in a timely manner and adequately resolve or address the cited violations may result in further enforcement proceedings, including but not limited to, referral of the matter to the Department of Attorney General for commencement of civil litigation. Be further advised that this Enforcement Notice does not preclude or limit the MDEQ's ability to initiate any other enforcement action under federal or state law as appropriate.

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By:

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Air Quality Division, Enforcement Unit

Aug 21, 2017 Date:

cc: Ms. Sarah Marshall, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 Mr. Neil Gordon, Department of Attorney General Ms. Wilhemina McLemore, MDEQ Mr. Thomas Hess, MDEQ