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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

September 7, 2016

Mr. Frank Lepera
Korex Corporation
50000 Pontiac Trail
Wixom, Michigan, 48393

SRN: B5619, Oakland County

Dear Mr. Lepera:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On August 23 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Korex Corporation located at 50000 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Korex Corporation'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); the Air Pollution Control Rules; the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) number 539-96 and to investigate a recent complaint which we received on August 23, 2016, regarding industrial fallout attributed to Korex Corporation's operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Fabric Filter D C Bags-System #3 Fluid Bed Dust Collector	PTI No. 539-96 Special Condition IV. Applicant shall not operate the system unless the appropriate fabric filter is installed and operated properly. R 336.1910	AQD staff observed fallout from System #3. Korex Corporation's maintenance records indicate that 22 bags had bad seams.
Fabric Filter D C Bags-System #3 Fluid Bed Dust Collector	PTI No. 539-96 General Condition 8. Operation of this equipment shall not result in the emission of an air contaminant which causes injurious effects to human health or safety, animal life, of significant economic value of property, or which causes unreasonable interference with the enjoyment of life and property. R 336.1901(b)	The fallout from System #3 was significant and impacted approximately 100 vehicles.

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In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the fallout that was observed was of sufficient intensity, frequency and duration so as to constitute a violation of Rule 901 (and General Condition 8 of PTI number No. 539-96).

On August 23, 2016, the AQD staff observed operation of System #3 while the fabric filter control system was malfunctioning, and had 22 damaged bags even though the pressure gauges associated with this equipment did not reflect the failure. This constitutes a violation of Act 451, Rule 910, which requires that an air-cleaning device shall be installed, maintained, and operated in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with the administrative rules and existing law.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by September 28, 2016 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violations occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; whether the violations are ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations and the dates by which these actions will take place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

If Korex Corporation 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 violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Korex Corporation. If you have any questions regarding the violations or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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