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DIRECTOR

April 14, 2022

Rob Bachholzky
General Formulations, Inc.
320 South Union Street
Sparta, Michigan 49345

SRN: M3554, Kent County

Dear Rob Bachholzky:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On February 24, 2022, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), observed a stack test of the existing regenerative thermal oxidizer to determine the volatile organic compound destruction efficiency at General Formulations, Inc. located at 320 South Union Street in Sparta, Michigan. Testing data was used to determine General Formulations, Inc.'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; and the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) number 192-03G.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer controlling EU-CoaterC and EU-NewMixroom	PTI No. 192-03G, FG-C&NewMixroom, Special Condition IV.2.	Testing conducted on February 24, 2022 resulted in a destruction efficiency of 92.3%, which is below the minimal 95% requirement in the permit.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by May 5, 2022 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violation occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violation; whether the violation is 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.

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Please submit the written response to EGLE, AQD, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If General Formulations, Inc. 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 General Formulations, Inc. 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,

Michael T. Cox

Michael Cox
Environmental Quality Analyst
Air Quality Division
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cc: Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE
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Jenine Camilleri, EGLE
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Heidi G. Hollenbach, EGLE