

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY GAYLORD FIELD OFFICE



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July 24, 2014

Mr. Steve Ptasnik Cheboygan Cement Products, Inc. 702 Lafayette Avenue Cheboygan, Michigan 49721

SRN: N0181, Cheboygan County

Dear Mr. Ptasnik:

## VIOLATION NOTICE

On July 15, 2014, staff from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Cheboygan Cement Products, Inc. located at 702 Lafayette Avenue, Cheboygan, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Cheboygan Cement Products, Inc. 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), and the administrative rules.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Open burning of commercial waste.	Rule 310	Open burning of commercial waste generated at the business including wooden pallets, paper, and plastic.

On July 15, 2014, the AQD's staff observed open burning of wooden pallets, paper, and plastic at Cheboygan Cement Products, Inc. The burning took place in a square metal burning container.

This constitutes a violation of Act 451, Rule 310 which prohibits open burning of refuse, garbage, or any other waste material at any business or commercial operation.

In order to comply with Rule 310, Cheboygan Cement Products, Inc. is advised to immediately discontinue any open burning.

The DEQ encourages the reuse and the recycling of wastes whenever possible. However, any waste that cannot be reused or recycled must be properly disposed of in accordance with Act 451, Part 115, Solid Waste Management, Section 11512(1). Additionally, if Cheboygan Cement Products, Inc. decides to incinerate their waste, it must be incinerated in a properly designed incinerator. An approved permit must be obtained from the DEQ before commencing installation of any incinerator. An application form is available by request, or at the following website:

http://www.deg.state.mi.us/aps/nsr\_information.shtml#AUP

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On site is the Northern Michigan Crematory which was permitted under AQD permit 258-09. The crematory may only be used to incinerate human remains. The "Permit to Burn" from the Cheboygan Department of Public Safety does not constitute an approved permit obtained from the DEQ and does <u>not</u> authorize burning of commercial waste generated at the business.

You are reminded on November 22, 2011, the AQD sent Cheboygan Cement Products, Inc. a Violation Notice of Rule 310 for open burning business waste. Enclosed is a copy of your response letter dated November 23, 2011.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by August 14, 2014 (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.

If Cheboygan Cement Products, Inc. believes the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute a violation 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 Cheboygan Cement Products, 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,

Hora Trello

Gloria Torello Environmental Quality Analyst Air Quality Division 989-705-3410

Enclosure(s) cc/enc: Mr. Kurt Jones, Chief, City of Cheboygan Mr. Thomas Bancroft, Fire Chief, City of Cheboygan cc/enc/via email: Ms. Lynn Fielder, DEQ Ms. Teresa Seidel, DEQ Mr. Thomas Hess, DEQ

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Gloria Torello Department of Environmental Quality Air Quality Division Gaylord Field Office 2100 West M-32 Gaylord, MI 49735

**RE: Violation Response** 

Dear Gloria,

On November 17,2011 you observed a violation of Rule 282(c). There was an instance of open burning taking place on sight of the business. The sole reason for this occurrence is that we were under the impression that debris could be burned in a controlled environment. Now that we know we were under fault, the burning has come to a halt since the violation. The new measures that have been taken are to simply throw all debris into the dumpster. We now have it emptied more frequently so we will not have to deal with any issues of excess debris in any area. We will also be giving away any wood pallets that are no longer of use to our business. If you or any member of the DEQ have any other questions or concern please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Steve Ptasnik Cheboygan Cement Products, Inc.