

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY KALAMAZOO DISTRICT OFFICE



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November 28, 2017

Mr. Joseph Toma Clariant Plastics and Coatings 926 Elliot Road Albion, Michigan 49224

SRN: N1126, Calhoun County

Dear Mr. Toma:

## **VIOLATION NOTICE**

On November 8, 2017, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Clariant Plastics and Coatings Masterbatches (Facility), located at 926 Elliot Road, Albion, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine the Facility'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) No. 541-88A.

During the inspection, staff of the AQD observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
FGCALCINATORS	Special Condition 1.3	Process is required to vent to the ambient air through an unobstructed vertically upward stack with a maximum diameter of 24 inches and a minimum exit point of 42 feet above ground level. The process is currently connected to a fume collection system that vents horizontally through the side of the building approximately 25 feet above ground level.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by December 19, 2017 (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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If the Facility 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 the Facility. If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring this Facility into compliance, please contact me at the telephone number listed below.

Sincerely,

Rex J. Lone

Rex I. Lane Senior Environmental Quality Analyst Air Quality Division 269-567-3547

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Denise Richardson, Clariant Masterbatches Division Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ
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