



November 2, 2015

Ms. Janis Denman  
Supervisor, MDEQ-AQD Cadillac Division  
2100 West M-32  
Gaylord, MI 29735-9282

Dear Ms. Denman:

This letter is in response to the Notice of Violation dated October 14, 2015. This notice states that your office did not receive the semi-annual monitoring and deviation report for the second half of 2014, nor the annual compliance certification for 2014 as required to be submitted per our Renewable Operating Permit.

Hillman Power Company did in fact prepare these documents and mailed them on March 16, 2015. (March 15 was a Sunday). The two reports are combined into a single document, with a copy of the deviation report from the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2014 attached to a copy of the deviation report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. All deviations from the ROP were noted.

Tammi Van Til of Madison Consulting discussed the document with Mr. Bill Rogers of your staff, advising that there were more deviations than usual noted in the report due to a review of records that had been reviewed and corrective actions had been taken.

We have attached a copy of the report. Unfortunately, it was discovered that we had not kept a copy of the signed document for our own records. This was partially due to a change in personnel at that time. However, the people involved with the preparation and mailing of the report clearly recall it being sent. A copy of the report was also sent to EPA Region V at the same time and we assume that they received the report.

We have attached a copy of the material that was sent on March 16. We trust that this is sufficient response to the letter. Henceforth, we will send these documents via certified mail to ensure that receipt is recorded for our records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Audette". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Doug Audette  
Plant Manager

Cc: James Charles, Fortistar  
Tammi Van Til, Madison Consulting