

## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SAGINAW BAY DISTRICT OFFICE



April 26, 2018

Mr. Jeff Adler, President Tuscola Energy, Inc. 7998 M-25 Akron, Michigan 48701

SRN: N1586, Tuscola County

Dear Mr. Adler:

## **VIOLATION NOTICE**

On April 13, 2018, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of the Nixon Farms crude oil production facility located in Wisner Township, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Nixon Farms' 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 20-12A.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Nixon Farms crude oil production facility	PTI No. 20-12A FGOILPRODUCTION SC IV.1	H2S leak on EUNIXON4SEP separator tank. 82 ppm on meter.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by May 17, 2018 (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 Tuscola Energy, 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. Mr. Jeff Adler Page 2 April 26, 2018

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violation cited above. 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,

Ben Witkopp

Environmental Engineer

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Air Quality Division 989-894-6219

cc/via e-mail: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ

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