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GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



C. HEIDI GREYER
DIRECTOR

December 27, 2016

Mr. Matt Jung
Comfort Research, Inc.
1719 Elizabeth Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

SRN: N1916, Kent County

Dear Mr. Jung:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On November 17, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Comfort Research, Inc. located at 1719 Elizabeth Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Comfort Research, 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 to investigate a recent complaint which we received on November 17, 2016, regarding fallout attributed to Comfort Research, Inc.'s operations.

During the investigation, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
EUHIRSCH (a polystyrene bead expander)	Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) No. MI-ROP-N1916-2014, General Condition 12.b; Rule 901(b); Consent Order AQD No. 4-2013, Paragraph 11.C	Emission of an air contaminant which caused unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the fallout that was observed was sufficient as to constitute a violation of Rule 901 and General Condition 12.b of ROP No. MI-ROP-N1916-2014. The cited General Condition 12.b of ROP No. MI-ROP-N1916-2014 is also enforceable as paragraph 11.C of Consent Order AQD No. 4-2013.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by January 17, 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 Comfort Research, 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 Comfort Research, 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,



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