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Ms. Denise Plafcan  
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Grand Rapids District Office  
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September, 23, 2014

Dear Ms. Plafcan:

The purpose of this letter is in response to the violations cited at Sleepy Hollow Pet Cemetery and Crematory (Sleepy Hollow) from an inspection conducted on August 18, 2014 by the Department of Environmental Quality Air Quality Division. All of the violations pertain to the Incinerators for animal remains that are located at 2755 64<sup>th</sup> Street SW, Byron Center, Michigan.

The following are the violations observed and the actions taken by Sleepy Hollow.

**PTI No. 253-01, Special Condition 1.6 that states, no device to continuously monitor and record the temperature in the secondary combustion chamber.**

Sleepy Hollow reviewed PTI No 253-1 and confirms that Special Condition 1.6 requires installation of a device to continuously monitor and record the temperature in the secondary combustion chamber. Sleepy Hollow will install a temperature recording device on the incinerator by December 31, 2014. Sleepy Hollow will manually record the temperature of the afterburner when the machine is started as well as the temperature of the afterburner and the oven half way through the cycle. Sleepy Hollow will send these manually recorded temperatures via email on the first day of every month as well as an update on the progress of the installation of the recording device.

**PTI No. 253-01, Special Condition 1.8 that states, no temperature records.**

See response above.

**PTI No. 149-13, Special Condition III.1 that states, the incinerator was operating (burning remains) before a minimum temperature of 1600 degrees F was reached in the secondary combustion chamber.**

Sleepy Hollow contacted Matthews International Cremation Division via instant message from the crematory to confirm that the minimum temperature for the secondary chamber was set to 1600 degrees F for the pre-heat cycle immediately following the inspection. Sleepy Hollow will not load the crematory until the minimum temperature for the secondary chamber reaches 1600 degrees F. Our policy regarding this violation was changed on August 18, 2014.

We feel that we have taken the appropriate steps to correct the violations and have put the necessary policies in place to ensure that these are no longer an issue moving forward. Thank you for working with us to get these violations corrected so that we comply with the laws regarding the air quality of the incinerators for animal remains that we use to run our business.

Sincerely,

David Fields, Owner  
Sleepy Hollow Pet Cemetery and Crematory