

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN

# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

CADILLAC DISTRICT OFFICE



SRN: N2388, Crawford County

July 28, 2021

## VIA E-MAIL & MAIL

Mr.Ed Going Grayling Generating Station 4400 West Four Mile Road Grayling, Michigan 49738

Dear Mr. Going:

## SECOND VIOLATION NOTICE

On June 14, 2021, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), received a report regarding Relative Accuracy Test Audits (RATAs) of the Continuous Emission Monitor (CEM) used to measure stack gas flow at Grayling Generating Station (GGS), located at 4400 West Four Mile Road, Grayling, Michigan. This CEM is required by Renewable Operating Permit MI-ROP-N2388-2014a; Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 97, Subparts AAAAA, BBBBB and CCCCC.

On June 18, 2021, the AQD sent a Violation Notice citing violations discovered as a result of a review of the report detailed above, along with the report from the November 2020 testing and requested your written response by July 21, 2021. A copy of that letter is enclosed for your reference. AQD has determined this response is inadequate. AQD does not accept the RATA report from the November 2020 testing and is requesting GGS reassess the flow data going back to the time of monitor install in October 2017 as well as any reporting since then.

An adequate response will include an explanation of the causes of the violations in the June 18, 2021 Violation Notice.

Please be advised that failure to respond in writing and identifying actions GGS will take or has taken to resolve the cited violations may result in escalated enforcement action by the AQD. Please provide the information requested in our June 18, 2021 letter by August 20, 2021.

Please submit the written response to EGLE, AQD, Cadillac District, at 120 West Chapin Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

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Be further advised that issuance of this Violation Notice does not preclude or limit EGLE's ability to initiate any other enforcement action under state or federal law as appropriate.

If you have any questions regarding the violations or the actions necessary to bring GGS into compliance, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Howe

**Environmental Quality Analyst** 

Air Quality Division

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**VIA E-MAIL & US MAIL** 

Edward Going Grayling Generating Station 4400 West Four Mile Road Grayling, Michigan 49738

Dear Edward Going:

### **VIOLATION NOTICE**

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), has completed our review of the April 26<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Relative Accuracy Test Audits (RATAs) of the Continuous Emission Monitors (CEMs) used to measure stack gas flow at Grayling Generating Station (GGS) located near Grayling, Crawford County. The Renewable Operating Permit number MI-ROP-N2388-2014a requires the facility to monitor and record emissions from EUBOILER on a continuous basis and with instrumentation acceptable to the AQD. This monitor is required by Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) MI-ROP-N2388-2014a; Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 97, Subparts AAAAA, BBBBB and CCCCC.

During the review of the November 2020 RATA and Emission Testing results, anomalies were noticed when the flow data were compared. The testing company's Reference Method (RM) flow data from the stack test runs were compared to the facility's CEM flow data during the same time periods. The RM stack test flow data was significantly higher than the facility's flow CEM data. EGLE staff recreated a RATA using the RM flow data and flow CEM data from the same time periods and a failure was detected. This demonstrated something is wrong with the facility's flow CEM. The AQD cannot accept the RATA performed in November 2020. During the February 23, 2021 conference call with GGS, Consumers Energy, and EGLE, a reason for the significant difference could not be explained. Eventually, it was decided that GGS's flow CEM would be retested.

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	RATA create		
	020 stack tes		
CEM SN	FLOW = 16	438615	
Run	RM	CEM	d
1	8570	6818	1752
2	8591	6915	1676
3	8586	6983	1603
4	8478	7037	1441
5	8586	7101	1485
6	8536	7071	1465
7	8617	7096	1521
8	8596	7148	1448
9	8676	7123	1553
AVG	8582	7032	1549
Sd			108
CC			83
RA			19.03
BAF			1.22

PM/Metals R1 PM/Metals R2 PM/Metals R3 BAP R1 BAP R2 BAP R3 H2SO4 R1 H2SO4 R2 H2SO4 R3

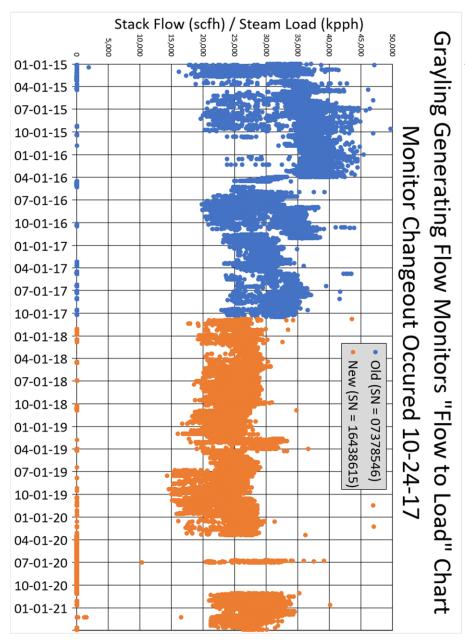
On April 26, 2021, trial flow RATAs were observed at three loads (Low/Mid/High). Each load failed the relative accuracy criteria. Specifically, the relative accuracies ranged from 23-31%. It should be noted that the RM flow data at High Load were similar to the RM stack test data from the November 2020 Emissions Testing. On April 29, 2021 a representative from Sick, the CEM flow monitor manufacturer, was onsite and made three changes to GGS's CEM Data Acquisition and Handling System (DAHS), which are detailed below. It should also be noted that the calibration coefficient was changed twice; once at a Low Load during a diagnostic flow check from 1.00 to 1.20, then again at a High Load during a diagnostic flow check from 1.20 to 1.25. On April 29, 2021 GGS passed RATAs at Low Load and Mid Load. On May 3, 2021 GGS passed RATA at High Load.

The three changes made to GGS's CEM DAHS by the Sick representative were:

- 1. The calibration coefficient cv 1 was increased from 1.00 to 1.25
- 2. The stack area was decreased from 49.19 ft<sup>2</sup> to 46.16 ft<sup>2</sup>
- 3. The stack pressure was decreased from 2.12 lb/ft<sup>2</sup> to 2.04 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>

In subsequent discussions and after looking at past testing data with the US Environmental Protection Agency's, Clean Air Market Division's (CAMD) staff, it was agreed the flow data going back to the October 24, 2017 flow monitor changeout, appeared to be suspect. This was further confirmed in the flow to load ratio, before and after the current flow monitor was installed, as is evident in the graph below by the noticeable divergence at the time of monitor changeout. CAMD agreed with EGLE, "that the data appeared to be anomalous and worthy of additional explanations." CAMD also agreed that GGS should review all the certified data reported from October 24, 2017 onward, and determine if the data continues to be considered true and accurate to the best of GGS's knowledge; which is, consistent with the certification statement that accompanies any 40 CFR Part 75 submission.

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During our review, staff noted the following violations:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
	MI-ROP-N2388-2014a, EUBOILER, IV, 2	Failure to continuously monitor with a flow CEM installed, calibrated, maintained, and operated in
EUBOILER		accordance with the procedures set forth in 40 CFR
	(40 CFR 60.13, 40 CFR	60.13 and 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix B, or 40 CFR
	Part 75, R 336.1213(3))	Part 75, as appropriate.
	MI-ROP-N2388-2014a,	The permittee shall monitor and record the nitrogen
	EUBOILER, VI, 1	oxides emissions, sulfur dioxide emissions, carbon
EUBOILER		dioxide concentration and exhaust flow rate of
	(40 CFR 60.13, 40 CFR	EUBOILER on a continuous basis in accordance
	Part 75, R 336.1213(3))	with 40 CFR Part 75.
	MI-ROP-N2388-2014a	Eailure to report and certify deviations from
EUBOILER	EUBOILER, VII, 2 and 3	compliance as required in annual certifications of
	(R 336.1213(4)(c))	compliance and semi-annual deviation reporting.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by July 9, 2021 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: The dates the violations occurred; An explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; Whether the violations are ongoing; A summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations and the dates by which these actions will take place; and What steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrences.

If Grayling Generating Station believes the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute violations of the applicable legal requirements cited, please provide appropriate information to explain your position.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violations 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,

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