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September 6, 2024

Greg Barron
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SRN: N2631, Oakland County

Dear Greg Barron:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On August 20, 2024, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Barron Industries located at 215 Plexus Drive, Oxford, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Barron Industries' 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) numbers 994-90 and 136-90A.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Electric Resistance Melting Furnaces: (1) 2,400-pound capacity (1) 900-pound capacity	Rule 201 (R 336.1201)	Operation of two (2) unpermitted melting furnaces.

During this inspection, it was noted that Barron Industries had installed and commenced operation of two (2) unpermitted electric resistance melting furnaces at this facility. This is a violation of Rule 201 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the two (2) electric resistance melting furnaces. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: www.michigan.gov/air.

Be advised that Rule 201 requires that a permit be obtained prior to installation, construction, operation, reconstruction, relocation, or alteration of any process or process equipment which may be a source of an air contaminant.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by September 27, 2024 (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.

Please submit the written response to Eric Grinstern at EGLE, AQD, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 or GrinsternE@Michigan.gov and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760, as well as to Joyce Zhu, Warren District Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092.

If Barron Industries 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 Barron Industries. 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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