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Re: Newberry Wood Enterprises

SRN: N3624, Luce County, Date of Inspection: July 2, 2019

Violation: R336.1201

Dear Mr. Conklin,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the above references inspection/violation at Newberry Wood Enterprises. As we discussed, there are two separate issues that we must address.

The first issue is the current method by which Newberry Wood Enterprises transfers wood waste to the outside. Newberry Wood received a violation notice because "emissions of wood residue are externally vented and uncontrolled." We are researching a couple of different options. Those options include, but are not limited to, installing a cyclone, some type of salt shed or Econoline storage building. This would enable the wood waste to vent into a controlled environment. We have reached out to the individual who built that facility after the fire in 2012 to see if he might have some additional suggestions and/or solutions. In addition, we are collaborating with the Michigan Association of Timberman Association to ensure that whatever improvements or changes Newberry implements comply with state and federal regulations.

The second issue is the permit for the pneumatic transfer system. I am working on completing the application. The challenge will be that a permit is unlikely to be issued until we solve the problem stated above.

I am in the process of educating myself on this process and reaching out to those I believe will be able to assist us. I would be happy to update you as progress is made. However, since I am having to rely on assistance from other organizations and businesses, I cannot guarantee a completion date at this time. I can assure you that we will be working on getting this problem resolved in a timely fashion. Any information or suggestions that you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Shari M. Hickman

Cc: Michael D. Kalinich, Jr