

To: EGLE, AQD, Grand Rapids District 350Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10 Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Re: Violation Notice dated 9/10/21

AGCO, Inc.

SRN N5101 Mecosta Co.

To Whom it May Concern,



This is our response to the violation notice dated September 10, 2021. The violation was observed during an inspection on August 12, 2021. The dust collection unit referenced in the violation handles our wide belt sanding operation in the finish department. The unit utilizes socks/bags to collect particulate matter exhausted during sanding operations from this wide belt sander. The unit had some gaps at the gasket openings that was allowing dust/particulate matter to escape from the unit into the self-contained bag house.

To date, repairs to these gaps including new gaskets have been made. While these new gaskets and repairs have improved the condition, it has not completely resolved the issue. While it is possible that by ordering new socks and doing additional repairs to the current dust collector system, we could potentially get the system operating at 100% efficiency. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that these additional steps with actually fix the unit.

As a result, we have decided to replace the current unit with an external Donaldson DF2-88 Torit dust collection system. We currently use this type of system in our other manufacturing locations and are familiar with its operational capabilities. We have set a 60-90 day window to get the unit on site and installed.

In the meantime, we have taken steps to ensure that any dust particulate that is not being collected by the unit is confined to the inside of the baghouse. The baghouse will be monitored daily and cleaned throughout the day to ensure no dust escapes form the baghouse.

Sincerely,

Larry Pulliam