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ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
WARREN DISTRICT OFFICE



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ACTING DIRECTOR

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VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Philip Oliver, President
Industrial Metal Coating
6070 Eighteen Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314

SRN: N5145, Macomb County

Dear Philip Oliver:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On March 16, 2023, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), AQD staff conducted an odor investigation of Industrial Metal Coating located at 6070 Eighteen Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan. The purpose of this was to investigate a recent burning paint/metal-like odor complaint the AQD received on March 16, 2023, regarding nuisance odors associated with the operations at Industrial Metal Coating.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
E-Coat Process	R 336.1901	A distinct and definite objectionable odor - strong enough causing one to attempt to avoid it completely (odor intensity ranging from 3 to 4) due to the facility's E-Coat process was detected downwind of the facility.

In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the nuisance odors that were detected were of sufficient intensity, frequency and duration so as to constitute a violation of Rule 901 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451 and PTI 25-16.

AQD staff detected nuisance odors that were recognizable to that of the e-coat process occurring at Industrial Metal Coating based on staff's previous experience on-site at the facility. In addition, the nuisance odors detected downwind of the facility by AQD staff were consistent with the odors that have been previously detected in the area associated with the e-coat process.

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The cited violation of PTI number 25-16 is also enforceable as paragraph 5.7 of Consent Order, AQD number 21-000095-CE.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by April 11, 2023 (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 EGLE, AQD, Warren District, at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092, and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Industrial Metal Coating 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. 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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