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DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY  
WARREN DISTRICT OFFICE



DANIEL EICHINGER  
ACTING DIRECTOR

April 21, 2023

VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Philip Oliver, President  
Industrial Metal Coating  
6070 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, MI 48314

SRN: N5145, Macomb County

Dear Philip Oliver:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On April 19, 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 18 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan. The purpose of this was to investigate a recent burning paint/metal-like odor complaint the AQD received on April 19, 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.

AQD staff detected nuisance odors in the area surrounding Industrial Metal Coating and then visited the facility and verified that the odors were indeed originating from the facility's E-coat curing oven. The cited violation is also enforceable as paragraph 5.7 of Consent Order, AQD number 2021-95-CE.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by **April 28, 2023** (which coincides with 5 business days from the date of this letter per Section 5.7(C) of the Consent Judgment). The written response should include: a report identifying the corrective action(s) to resolve the alleged violation and any evidence gathered by Industrial Metal Coating in the conduct of its investigation supporting its findings. If such investigation identifies one or more underlying site conditions that are the cause of the alleged violation, then Industrial Metal Coating shall provide a written response that will include the condition(s) that are the cause of the alleged violation, including a plan identifying any changes to processes or procedures and/or capital expenditures required, and the time frame within which it will commit to implement such remedial actions.

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 and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Industrial Metal Coating. 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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