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February 4, 2022

UPS NEXT DAY DELIVERY

Mr. Steven Pitsch
Pitsch Companies
675 Richmond Street NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

SRN/ID: N5619; Kent County

Dear Mr. Pitsch:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On January 28, 2021, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD) conducted an inspection at Pitsch Landfill located at 7905 Johnson Road, Belding, Kent County, Michigan.

The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with the requirements of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR), Part 61, Subpart M (National Emission Standard for Asbestos), and Rule 942 of Part 55, Air Pollution Control of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

According to our investigation, Pitsch Companies is the owner and operator of the property. The National Emission Standard for Asbestos (NESHAP) holds the *owner and operator* liable for all violations.

During the investigation staff observed the following:

Located in the active part of the landfill, there was a large area with several piles of metal that was in the process of being segregated. I was told that this metal was being segregated so it can be taken to the scrap yard. After looking at one of the waste shipment records, it was confirmed that this metal arrived at the landfill from a building that was being demolished as *asbestos containing* in Midland, Michigan. There were a total of 8 loads that were delivered to the Pitsch Landfill and all of them were manifested as friable asbestos. These loads of metal were in the open and not covered.

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Process Description	Section Violated	Comments
Visible emissions from active waste disposal site where asbestos-containing waste material has been deposited.	40 CFR §61.154(a)	Visible emissions to the outside air from friable asbestos waste material not being covered within 24hr of disposal.
Failure to display warning signs.	40 CFR §61.154(b)	Failure to display warning asbestos warning signs at the entrance and every 330 ft along the property line.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this violation notice by February 25, 2022 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the date(s) the violations occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; whether the violations are ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations, and the date(s) by which these actions will take place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence. The *signed* written response from the *owner and operator* to this violation notice, may be submitted by mail and directed to my attention at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760. You must also include a copy to Mr. Jason Wolf, Enforcement Unit at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760. The response may be scanned and emailed to BrownJ9@Michigan.gov and WolfJ2@Michigan.gov.

If you believe the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute a violation of the applicable legal requirements cited, please provide appropriate factual information to explain your position.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violations cited above and for the cooperation extended to me during our conversation. If you have any questions regarding the violation notice or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at 517-599-7825; e-mail at BrownJ9@Michigan.gov; or the post office box address provided in the paragraph above.

Sincerely,



Jeremiah Brown
Senior Environmental Quality Analyst
Air Quality Division

cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE
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Mr. Christopher Ethridge, EGLE
Ms. Heidi Hollenbach, EGLE
Ms. Karen Kajiya-Mills, EGLE
Mr. Jason Wolf, EGLE