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March 21, 2019

UPS NEXT DAY DELIVERY

**ENFORCEMENT NOTICE**

In the matter of:

Ward Lake Drilling, Inc., dba Ward Lake Energy  
EnerVest Operating, LLC  
685 East M-32  
Gaylord, Michigan 49735

SRN: N7190; Montmorency County  
SRN: N7194; Montmorency County  
SRN: N6080; Otsego County  
SRN: N6431; Otsego County  
U691808175; Otsego County

ATTENTION: Mr. Jeff Rilling, Operations Manager

This letter is to advise you of the commencement of escalated enforcement action against Ward Lake Drilling, Inc., dba Ward Lake Energy and EnerVest Operating, LLC (Companies). This letter follows the January 31, 2017; March 3, 2017; March 19, 2018; and October 2, 2018, Violation Notices issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD) which detailed violations of Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), MCL 324.5501 *et seq.*; the administrative rules promulgated thereunder, specifically Rule 911 and Rule 201 of the Michigan Air Pollution Control Rules; Mich Admin Code, R 336.1911 and R 336.1201; and Permit to Install (PTI) No. 85-05, PTI No. 320-05, PTI No. 129-97A, and PTI No. 226-02A.


The AQD is providing the Companies with an opportunity to formally resolve these violations through the entry of a legally enforceable agreement that will include a compliance program and payment of an appropriate monetary penalty pursuant to Section 5528 of Part 55 of NREPA, MCL 324.5528.

Be advised that failure to respond to this Enforcement Notice in a timely manner and adequately resolve or address the cited violations may result in further enforcement proceedings, including but not limited to, referral of the matter to the Michigan Department of Attorney General (MDAG) for commencement of civil litigation. This Enforcement Notice does not preclude or limit the MDEQ's ability to initiate any other enforcement action under federal or state law as appropriate.

Mr. Jeff Rilling  
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Please contact me at 517-284-6769, or by email at morane@michigan.gov, no later than Wednesday, April 3, 2019, to schedule a meeting to discuss the resolution of this matter.

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By:   
Erin Moran  
Air Quality Division, Enforcement Unit

Date: 3/21/19

cc: Ms. Sarah Marshall, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5  
Mr. Neil Gordon, MDAG  
Mr. Shane Nixon, MDEQ  
Ms. Jenine Camilleri, MDEQ  
Mr. Chance Collins, MDEQ