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January 21, 2014

Mr. Rick Sietsema
Sietsema Farms Feeds, LLC
19117 Lake Montcalm Road
Howard City, Michigan 49329

SRN: N8057, Montcalm County

Dear Mr. Sietsema:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On July 3, 2013, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD) issued Sietsema Farms Feeds, LLC, Permit To Install (PTI) No. 163-08B, which granted Sietsema Farms Feeds, LLC the authority to install and operate EUGASIFY. The PTI required verification of NO_x, CO, filterable PM, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂ visible emissions and HCL emission rates from EUGASIFY within 120 days of commencement of trial operations.

V. TESTING/SAMPLING

Records shall be maintained on file for a period of five years. (R 336.1201(3))

1. Within 120 days of commencement of trial operations, the permittee shall verify NO_x, CO, filterable PM, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂, visible emissions, and HCL emission rates from EUGASIFY by testing at owner's expense, in accordance with Department requirements. No less than 30 days prior to testing, the permittee shall submit a complete test plan to the AQD. The AQD must approve the final plan prior to testing. Verification of emission rates includes the submittal of a complete report of the test results to the AQD within 60 days following the last date of the test. (R 336.1224, R 336.1225, R 336.1331, R 336.2001, R 336.2003, R 336.2004)

Based upon AQD records, trial operation of EUGASIFY commenced on or before September 21, 2013. At this time, Sietsema Farms Feeds, LLC has not conducted the required emission rate testing in accordance with Department requirements.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by February 11, 2014. 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.

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If Sietsema Farms Feeds, LLC 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,



Eric Grinstern
Environmental Quality Specialist
Air Quality Division
616-356-0266

cc: Ms. Heidi Hollenbach, DEQ
cc/via email: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ
Ms. Teresa Seidel, DEQ
Mr. Thomas Hess, DEQ