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September 9, 2020

Mr. Gil Pietrandrea  
Great Lakes Cremation Service, Inc.  
29547 Costello Drive  
New Hudson, MI 48165-9358

SRN: N8339, Oakland County

Dear Mr. Pietrandrea:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On September 4, 2020, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Great Lakes Cremation Service located at 29547 Costello Drive, New Hudson, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Great Lakes Cremation Service's compliance with the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act; Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451); the Air Pollution Control Rules; the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) numbers 232-09B and 61-15; and to investigate recent complaints which we received on August 27, September 1, and September 2, 2020, regarding black smoke, and foul odors attributed to Great Lakes Cremation Service operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
EUCREMATORY1	R 336.1910, and PTI No. 232-09B, Special Condition III.2.	The permittee failed to maintain and operate EUCREMATORY1 in a satisfactory manner to control emissions, and the permittee knowingly operated the incinerator while it was malfunctioning.
EUCREMATORY1	R 336.1901	The permittee's operation of EUCREMATORY1 caused an unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

On September 4, 2020, the AQD staff observed the operation of EUCREMATORY1 while the incinerator was malfunctioning. This constitutes a violation of Rule 910 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451, which requires that an air-cleaning device shall be installed, maintained, and operated in a satisfactory manner and in accordance with the administrative rules and existing law.

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On September 4, 2020, the AQD staff observed Great Lakes Cremation Service knowingly operate EUCREMATORY1 while it was malfunctioning. This constitutes a violation of PTI No. 232-09B, III.2, which states in part, "The incinerator shall be installed, maintained, and operated in a satisfactory manner to control emissions from EUCREMATORY1."

The AQD staff observed black smoke and smelled foul odors downwind from Great Lakes Cremation Service at an adjacent address. In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the smoke and odors that were observed were of sufficient intensity, frequency, and duration so as to constitute a violation of Rule 901 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by September 30, 2020 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates 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 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 48092-2793, and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Great Lakes Cremation Service 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 violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of September 4, 2020. If you have any questions regarding the violations or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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Dr. Eduardo Olaguer, EGLE  
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