

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY





April 26, 2016

Mr. Josh Spegel Michigan Agricultural Commodities 216 Eastman Breckenridge, MI 48615

Dear Mr. Spegel:

SRN: P0311, Sanilac County

## **VIOLATION NOTICE**

On April 22, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Michigan Agricultural Commodities located at 7115 Maple Valley Road, Brown City, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Michigan Agricultural Commodities' 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) and the administrative rules.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Truck unloading/loading station	40 CFR, Part 60.7 (a) (1)	30 day initial notification not recieved
Truck unloading/loading station	40 CFR, Part 60.8 (a)	Performance test not completed

This process is subject to the federal Standards of Performance for New Sources (NSPS) for Grain Elevators. These standards are found in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 60, Subpart DD.

Michigan Agricultural Commodities facility of Brown City exceeded 2.5 million bushels of permanent storage capacity in 2011. On March 13, 2016, the AQD discovered Michigan Agricultural Commodities installed two additional permanent storage tanks equipped with truck loading/unloading stations in 2013 and 2014. These two tanks are considered to be "affected facilities" and are subject to 40 CFR, Part 60, Subpart DD.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by May 17, 2016 (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.

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If Michigan Agricultural Commodities 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 Michigan Agricultural Commodities. 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,

Sydney Bruestle

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