

## STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DISTRICT OFFICE



April 25, 2013

Mr. Bill Leva Kar Nut Products Company 1200 E 14 Mile Road Madison Heights, MI 48071

SRN: P0355, Oakland County

Dear Mr. Leva:

## **VIOLATION NOTICE**

On April 24, 2013, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Kar Nut Products Company located at 1200 E 14 Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Kar Nut Products Company'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 administrative rules and to investigate recent complaints which we received on April 2, 15, 16 and 24, 2013, regarding foul odors and adverse health effects attributed to Kar Nut Products Company's operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Nut roasting process	R 336.1901(b)	The intensity, frequency and duration of foul odors from Kar Nut Products Company has resulted in an unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property.

In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the odors that were observed were of sufficient intensity, frequency and duration so as to constitute a violation of Rule 901. The AQD staff detected odors in areas surrounding the company located at 1410 E 14 Mile Road, Madison Heights, Michigan. The intensity, frequency and duration of odors detected were consistent with the complaints received by the AQD.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by May 17, 2013. 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.

If Kar Nut Products Company 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 and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspections of Kar Nut Products Company. 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,

Robert Elmouchi

**Environmental Quality Analyst** 

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