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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

January 6, 2016

Mr. Matt Zomberg, Operations Manager  
American Rack Company  
4910 Kraft Avenue SE  
Cascade Township, Michigan 49512

SRN: P0384, Kent County

Dear Mr. Zomberg:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On December 23, 2015, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of American Rack Company-Division of Associated Rack Corp. located at 4910 Kraft Avenue SE in Cascade Township, Michigan. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the facility'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; Permit to Install No. 151-12; and to investigate a complaint which we received on December 23, 2015, regarding smoke and irritating odor attributed to the American Rack Company's burn-off oven operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Burn-off oven (EUBURNOFFOVEN)	Rule 901	An intense acidic odor, irritating to the nose and throat was observed coming from the burn-off oven stack.

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 and General Condition 6 of Permit to Install No. 151-12.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by January 27, 2016 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). 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 American Rack 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 inspection of the facility. 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,



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Environmental Quality Specialist  
Air Quality Division  
616-356-0009

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