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This will respond on behalf of Municipal Supply Company of Portland, Michigan to the Notice of Violation ("NOV") dated Feb. 25, 2014 alleging violations of Rule 301 of the Air Rules on Feb.13, 17and 20, 2014. Without admitting the truth of the allegations contained in the NOV and without waiver of any defenses available to Municipal Supply Company, Municipal Supply Company responds as follows. The cause or causes for the events are unknown but certainly connected to the extremely harsh winter conditions experienced this year, including high winds. The outdoor wood boiler has been in operation since 2007 without incident or complaint with the exception of 2012 when one complaint was registered with Municipal Supply Company. Municipal Supply Company has never received a complaint from the individual(s) asserting the complaints which led to the referenced NOV. In fact, Municipal Supply Company has been using wood to heat its operations at its location in Portland since 1980 without incident. This is not an ongoing event and must be viewed as an isolated event. Actions taken address the alleged opacity issues contained in NOV are to not use the boiler when the wind is from the west or when the weather conditions are not conducive to its use and most recently, to limit the use of the boiler for the remaining heating season and to cease its use as soon as possible until next heating season. Municipal Supply Company is currently exploring various options for the next heating season which include relocating the boiler to a new location, raising the stack height, and other options for providing heat to its office and storage warehouses. As of this response, no decision has been made as to what options will be in place in 2014-2015. If you have any questions concerning Municipal Supply Company's response to the referenced NOV, please contact me.

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