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DIRECTOR

October 29, 2015

Mr. Russell Fowler
Fowler's Farm-City Sales
2876 West Washington Road
Ithaca, Michigan 48847

SRN: P0528, Gratiot County

Dear Mr. Fowler:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On October 20, 2015, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD) conducted an inspection of Fowler's Farm-City Sales anhydrous ammonia tank located at the intersection of West Washington and South Alger Roads, Ithaca. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Fowler's Farm-City Sales' 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 the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) number 357-77.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
18,000 gallon anhydrous ammonia permanent storage tank	PTI No. 357-77 Special Condition 7	Anhydrous ammonia tank location did not have a sign containing emergency contact information for the owner, primary operator, local and state police, local fire department, and ambulance service
18,000 gallon anhydrous ammonia permanent storage tank	PTI No. 357-77 Special Condition 3	Anhydrous ammonia odors were detected by the AQD inspector. Fowler's Farm-City staff indicated a valve on the air compressor had not been closed properly

During the inspection, it was noted there was no emergency contact sign located at the anhydrous ammonia tank site. The absence of the sign has resulted in non-compliance with special condition 7 of PTI No. 357-77. Special Condition 7 requires a sign be present containing emergency contact phone numbers for the owner, primary operator, local and state police, local fire department, and ambulance service.

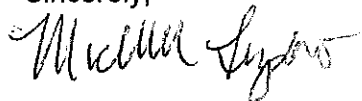
It was also noted during the inspection that anhydrous ammonia odors were detected in the vicinity of the anhydrous ammonia tank. After further investigation by Fowler's Farm-City Sales staff, it was determined that a valve on the air compressor had not been closed properly. Special Condition 3 of PTI No. 357-77 requires that all valves, both liquid and vapor, be closed, except during transfer operations.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by November 19, 2015. 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.

If Fowler's Farm-City Sales 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 Fowler's Farm-City Sales. If you have any questions regarding the violations or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the telephone number listed below.

Sincerely,



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