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September 3, 2015

Mr. Mark Schoenborn
Rest In Peace Farms
700 East Peck Lake Road
Ionia, Michigan 48846

SRN: P0549, Ionia County

Dear Mr. Schoenborn:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On July 28, August 19, and September 1, 2015 the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an off-site investigation of Rest In Peace Farms, located at 700 East Peck Lake Road, Ionia, Michigan. The purpose of this investigation was to determine Rest In Peace Farms' 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 the numerous complaints received regarding odors attributed to Rest In Peace Farms.

During the investigation, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Dead Stock Processing	Rule 901	Nuisance Odors

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 has received over 45 complaints regarding odors from Rest In Peace Farms since August 2014. AQD staff has investigated and detected odors emanating from Rest In Peace Farms that are negatively impacting neighboring residences.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by September 15, 2015, to Dr. James Averill, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Animal Industry Division, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, Michigan 48909 with a copy to the AQD. 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 Rest In Peace Farms 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. 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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