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## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

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November 30, 2021

## **UPS NEXT DAY DELIVERY**

## **ENFORCEMENT NOTICE**

In the matter of:

Mr. Frederic P. Worthen III Worthen Coated Fabrics 3 East Spit Brook Road Nashua, New Hampshire 03060

Mr. Tony Harb, Plant Manager Worthen Coated Fabrics 1125 41<sup>st</sup> Street Southeast Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508

ATTENTION: Mr. Worthen III, and Mr. Harb

This letter is to advise you of the commencement of escalated enforcement action against Worthen Coated Fabrics (Company), located at 1125 41<sup>st</sup> Street Southeast, Grand Rapids, Michigan. This letter follows the August 10, 2021, and September 20, 2021, Violation Notices (VNs) issued by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD) which detailed violations of

Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD) which detailed violations of Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), MCL 324.5501 *et seq.*, Rule 910 of the Michigan Air Pollution Control Rules; Mich Admin Code, R 336.1910; the federal National Emissions Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Printing, Coating and Dying of Fabrics and Other Textiles, 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart OOOO; the federal New Source Performance Standard (NSPS) for Polymeric Coating of Supporting Substrates Facilities, 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart VVV; and the Company's Renewable Operating Permit (ROP), ROP number MI-ROP-P0634-2017.

The alleged violations against the Company are federally enforceable and are considered a High Priority Violation (HPV) by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The HPV designation means that the EPA places a priority on enforcing the regulations governing this violation and on formally resolving alleged violations of this type. The AQD is required to report all HPVs to the EPA, pursuant to the state's grant commitments with the EPA and the state's delegated enforcement authority of the federal Clean Air Act.

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The AQD is providing the Company with an opportunity to formally resolve these violations through the entry of a legally enforceable agreement that will include a compliance program and payment of an appropriate monetary penalty pursuant to Section 5528 of Part 55 of NREPA, MCL 324.5528.

Be advised that failure to respond to this Enforcement Notice in a timely manner and adequately resolve or address the cited violations may result in further enforcement proceedings, including but not limited to, referral of the matter to the Michigan Department of Attorney General (MDAG) for commencement of civil litigation. This Enforcement Notice does not preclude or limit EGLE's ability to initiate any other enforcement action under federal or state law as appropriate.

<u>Please contact me at 517-275-2620, or by email at RathbunJ1@Michigan.gov, no later than December 14, 2021, to schedule a meeting to discuss the resolution of this matter.</u>

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By:

Jeff Rathbun

Air Quality Division, Enforcement Unit

Date: 11/30/2021

cc: Ms. Sarah Marshall, U.S. EPA, Region 5

Mr. Neil Gordon, MDAG

Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE

Mr. Chris Ethridge, EGLE

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