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Mr. Tyler Salamasick Michigan Department of Environmental Quality State Office Building 350 Ottawa Ave, NW Unit 10 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-2341

RE: Violation Notice - SRN: P0876, Ottawa County

Dear Mr. Salamasick:

I received the Violation Notice dated October 27, 2017, regarding an open burning incident on October 10, 2017. This letter is in response to the Violation Notice.

We obtained a permit from Crockery Township to do an open burn of brush and other non-waste materials on October 10, 2017. The burning lasted approximately 12 hours. It was a one-time burn and is no longer ongoing.

The only materials that were intended to be burned were trees, brush, and other non-waste materials. It appears that a few old railroad ties were mistakenly thrown into the burn pile. All parties that were onsite that day, including the contractor who controlled the burn pile, have been notified of this violation. No new open burns are currently expected, however, if another is needed we have educated the appropriate parties regarding the waste material rules (especially railroad ties).

We regret this incident and are confident that it will not happen again.

Please contact me if you need anything further.

Lawrence Duthler

President

Best rega