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PHILLIP D. ROOS
DIRECTOR

October 26, 2023

Scott Hosford
Wolverine Scrap Metal Corporation
1721 Chicago Drive
Wyoming, Michigan 49519

SRN: P0920, Kent County

Dear Scott Hosford:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On October 17, 2023, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Wolverine Scrap Metal Corporation located at 1721 Chicago Drive, Wyoming, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Wolverine Scrap Metal Corporation’s 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 Air Pollution Control Rules; and to investigate a recent complaint which we received on October 3, 2023, regarding smoke attributed to Wolverine Scrap Metal Corporation’s operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Production portable torch cutting equipment	Rule 201	Portable torch cutting operation no longer meets Permit to Install exemption Rule 285(2)(j) after reconstruction of the emission unit.

In 2022, Wolverine Scrap Metal Corporation was issued two violation notices for operating torch cutters in violation of AQD rules. During the October 17, 2023, inspection, Wolverine Scrap Metal Corporation was still conducting production-based portable torch cutting activities outdoors without an appropriately designed and operated enclosure and fabric filter. This is a violation of Rule 201 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by November 16, 2023 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). 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.

Please submit the written response to April Lazzaro at EGLE, AQD, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 or LazzaroA1@michigan.gov and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Wolverine Scrap Metal Corporation 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 and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Wolverine Scrap Metal Corporation. 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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