

To: State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy From: Chad Kary Verrette Materials, Inc. RE: Violation Response

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in response to two violations for which Verrette Materials, Inc. was cited. Both violations occurred on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at our Daggett Sand and Gravel pit located on 24 Mile Road near Daggett, Michigan.

Both violations occurred due to a change in our corporate structure, namely, my predecessor, Kyle Rice took employment elsewhere shortly after filing an amendment to our General Permit to Install in May of 2021. My employment with Verrette Materials began July 28<sup>th</sup> of 2021 and it was during the period between his departure and my arrival that the steps necessary to ensure compliance had been missed. Since our crushing operations at the Daggett Pit are minimal in nature and had not been undertaken during my current tenure, it was not brought to my attention until the date of the citations that we had not completed the steps necessary to comply with the stipulations of our permit.

Since receiving notice of the violations, the following steps have been taken:

- A complete inventory of all equipment located at the Daggett Pit has been taken.
- All equipment at the Daggett Pit has now been labeled conspicuously in accordance with statutory requirements.

- A complete inventory of all Verrette Materials equipment that may be used on site at the Daggett Pit in the future has been taken.
- All equipment that may potentially be used on site at the Daggett Pit location have been assigned numerical identifier tags and will be included on an amended General Permit to Install Application.
- Photos of all new numbers associated with all equipment have been taken and included as an attachment to this response.
- I have completed recertification of my Certification of Visible Opacity Reading in order to complete the required Method 9 testing at our Daggett Pit.

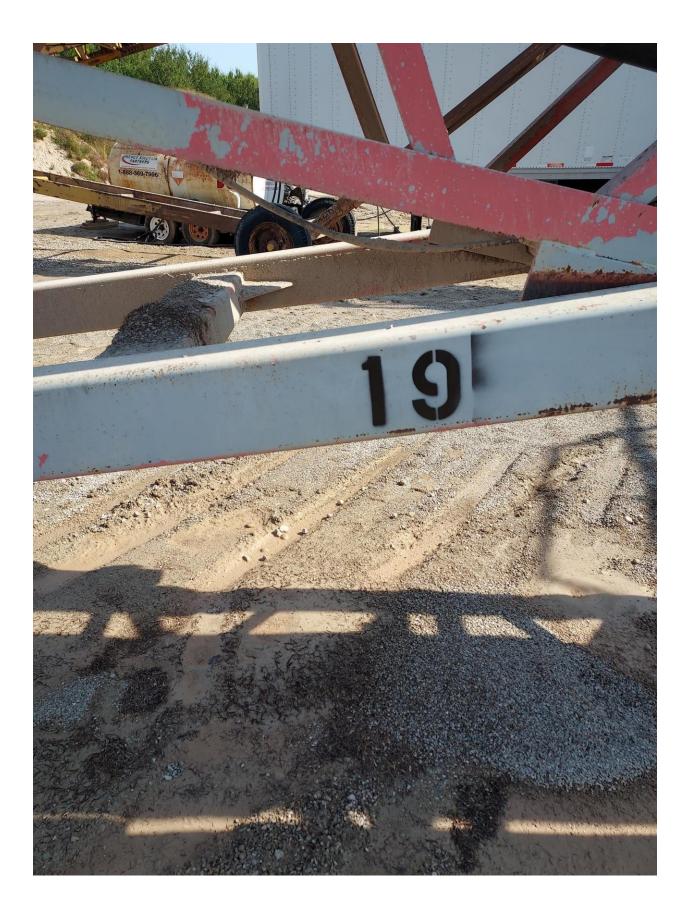
In order to prevent a recurrence of these issues, we have developed a checklist of duties, responsibilities, and regulatory requirements tied to each specific site, so every operator and all compliance personnel involved with our sand and gravel operations are made aware of the steps needed to ensure our compliance with all local, state, and federal regulatory bodies.

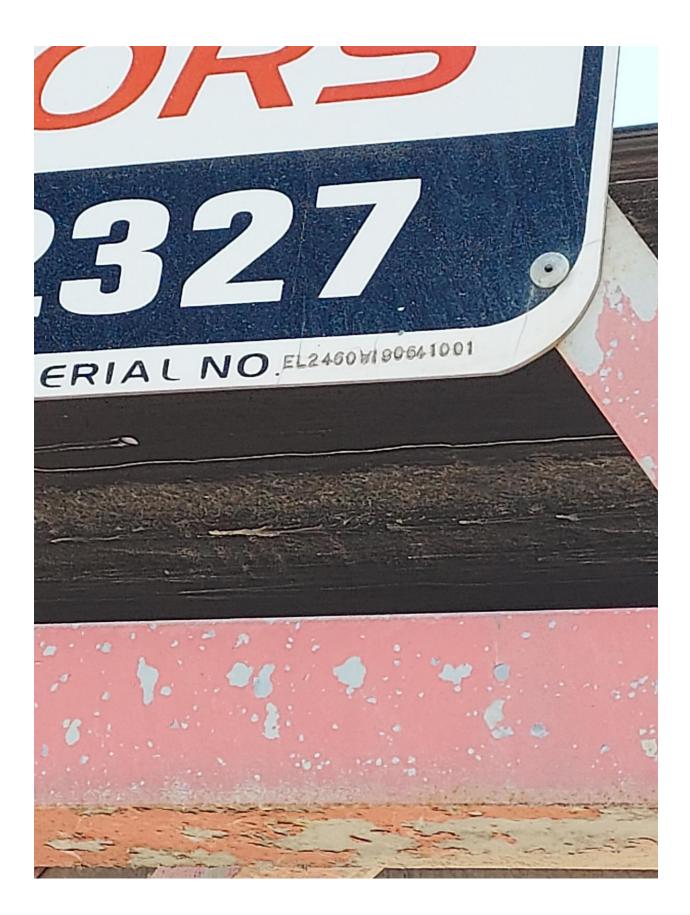
It is my belief that the steps that we have taken to respond to these violations will prevent any future occurrence of these or any other violations. I sincerely look forward to a continued collaborative and cooperative working relationship with your department in all future operations.

Thank you. Chad Kary Safety / Environmental Manager Verrette Materials, Inc.

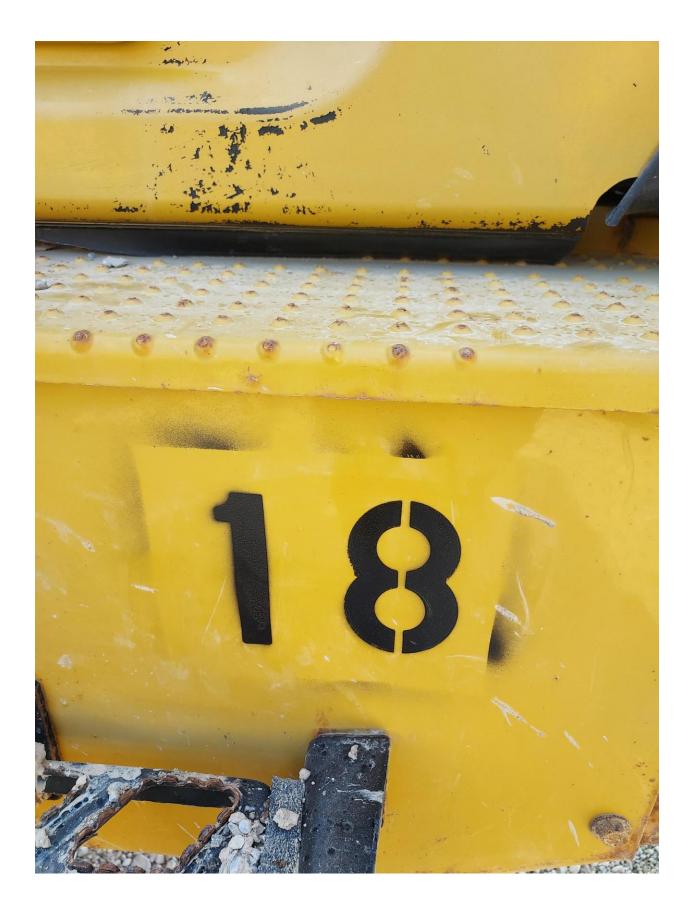












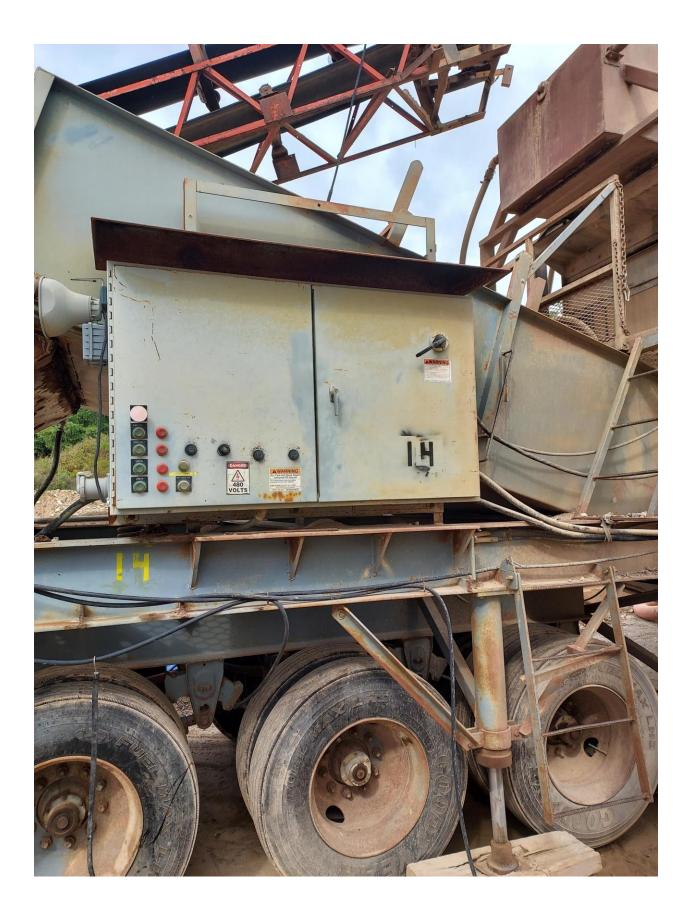


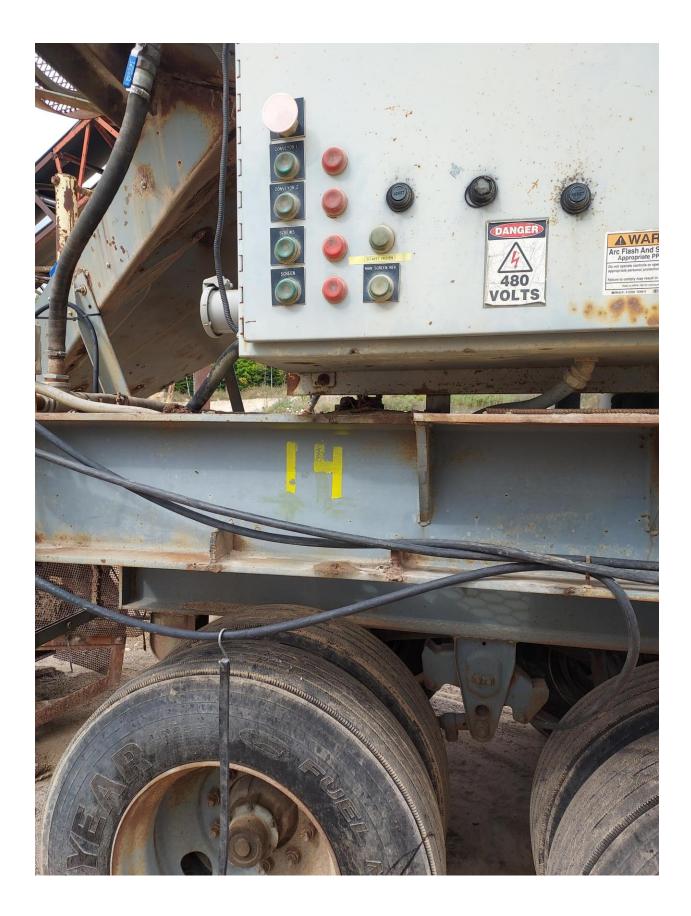
















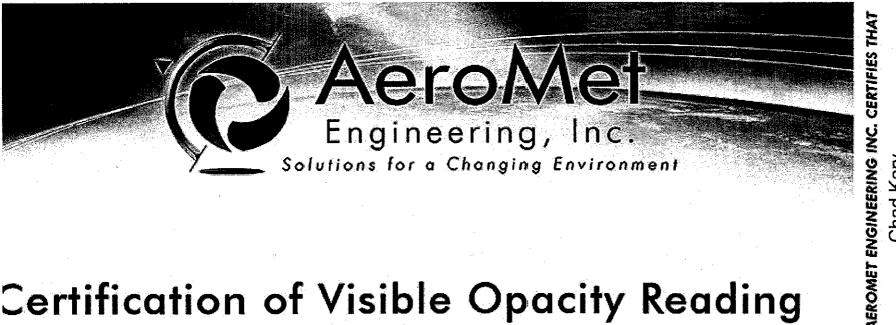












## **Certification of Visible Opacity Reading**

## **Chad Kary**

gualified to conduct EPA Method 9 Tests for visible opacity in accordance with the methods established for such qualification in 40 CFR Part 60 Appendix A.

Certification Date: September 28, 2022

Expiration Date: March 28, 2023

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