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RE: SRN:U252200787, Genesee County

In response to the violation notice received 5/10/22. The requested information is as follows:

The date the incident reported occurred was 2/1/22. A crew was grinding mulch when the wind picked up considerably and blew a small quantity of wood particulate across the property line into the woods. The crew made note of the incident and reported it to Jeff Shoemaker. Grinding was halted due to our awareness of the situation and because the city code enforcement officer also contacted us. The duration of the violation was only during grinding operations that day. Grinding did not start again until 2/7/22 and was specifically observed by Jeff Shoemaker in order to determine a better way to operate the equipment and prevent further dust problems before we continued regular operations. Jeff Shoemaker Also called the city official before grinding Started in order to let them know we were starting beforehand. Grinding was voluntarily stopped again by us at this time in order to implement the machine upgrade we had considered and designed during the 2/7/22 operation.

The machine upgrade was installed on 2/10/22 and consists of a self-designed rubber shoot between the output of the grinder and the stacker that contains all of the processed product and shields it from the wind as it falls to the stacker. This dramatically reduced if not eliminated fall out of any wood fibers from the grinding operation. As of 2/11/22 we began Grinding mulch on our regular schedule, however we have not and do not grind when the wind is high and are even more cautious when the wind is coming from the west in order to prevent any particulate coming off of the Michigan Landscape property. As of this date we also have contained the entire grinder operation inside a considerable amount of Stacked wood Material to reduce sound and further prevent Wood fibers from leaving the property.

On 3/2/22 Dan McGeen showed up at Michigan landscape unannounced and requested that he be allowed to inspect the grinding operation for a dust/smoke test. During our meeting we discussed the incident, the wood fibers discovered on the neighboring property and Actions we had already taken to prevent future issues. It is important to note that these actions were taken on our own, before we were made aware of any formal complaint or violation. Mr. McGeen seemed to be very pleased that we had taken considerable action to prevent the problem without being formally notified of his inspection or violation. At this time we also observed the operation with him as he performed the Dust/smoke emission test while the grinder ran. We were informed By Mr McGeen that we had passed the test and the operation as it was running was acceptable.

In Summary, this violation is not ongoing, action was taken by us prior to our awareness that there was a formal complaint or inspection coming, and within days of the incident after operations were halted voluntarily.

Respectfully Submitted,

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