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Mr. Scott Stanczak  
Scott Stanczak Painting & Pressure Washing  
1323 North Hemlock  
Ironwood, MI 49938

SRN: U27080049, Gogebic County

Dear Mr. Stanczak:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On October 4, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of your sandblasting operations located at the corner of Galena Street and South Mine Street, Bessemer, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine 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 complaint which we received on October 20, 2015, regarding sand blasting and fugitive dust attributed to your operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Sand blasting	Rule 201	Failure to obtain an air use permit

**RULE 201 VIOLATIONS**

During this inspection, it was noted that Scott Stanczak Painting & Pressure Washing had conducted sandblasting activities in an uncontrolled outside area at this facility.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the sand blasting process equipment. An application form is available by request, or at the following website:

[http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/nsr\\_information.shtml](http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/nsr_information.shtml)

Be advised that Rule 201 requires that a permit be obtained prior to installation, construction, operation, reconstruction, relocation, or alteration of any process or process equipment which may be a source of an air contaminant.

Sand blasting activities may be exempt from the requirement of Rule 201 to obtain an air use permit if they meet specific exemptions. These exemptions are specified under Rule 285 (vi) as written below:

*Rule 285 . The requirement of R 336.1201(1) to obtain a permit to install does not apply to any of the following:*

*(vi) Equipment for carving, cutting, routing, turning, drilling, machining, sawing, surface grinding, sanding, planing, buffing, sand blast cleaning, shot blasting, shot peening, or polishing ceramic artwork, leather, metals, graphite, plastics, concrete, rubber, paper stock, wood, or wood products which meets any of the following:*

*(A) Equipment used on a nonproduction basis.*

*(B) Equipment has emissions that are released only into the general in-plant environment.*

*(C) Equipment has externally vented emissions controlled by an appropriately designed and operated fabric filter collector that, for all specified operations with metal, is preceded by a mechanical pre-cleaner.*

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by November 3, 2016 (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.

If you believe 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. 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,



Mr. Joel E Asher  
Air Quality Division  
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cc/via e-mail: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ  
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