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June 29, 2023

VIA EMAIL

State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, And Energy (EGLE)  
Air Quality Division (AQD), Marquette District  
Mr. Joseph Scanlan  
1504 West Washington Street  
Marquette, Michigan 49855

**RE: VIOLATION NOTICE (SRN: U312303739) – LAKESHORE DRIVE CORRIDOR REHABILITATION**

Dear Mr. Scanlan:

Pursuant to the Violation letter received on June 16, 2023, in relation to the Lakeshore Drive Corridor Rehabilitation project, we are writing to you to address the violation letter.

The notification was originally submitted by our consultant UPEA via expedited mail and online through the Asbestos Notification System on 06/05/2023, with the intent that demolition of the parking deck structure was to begin that week - and not satisfy the 10-working day notification requirement. However, due to some equipment scheduling issues with the demolition contractor and additional protections being installed to ensure the demolition was conducted in the safest manner possible as well as protect all existing infrastructure, the structure demolition did not begin until June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

With the above noted, the project was still in violation of the 10-working day notification. As previously mentioned, the intent was to begin the week the notification was submitted, but with the additional time invested in preparation the actual demolition ended up commencing on June 14<sup>th</sup> which consisted of some light demolition of the brick-and-mortar parapet wall on top of the parking deck, the mass demolition of the parking structure steel and concrete surface began on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

To prevent the reoccurrence of receiving a Violation, U.P. Engineers and Architects intends to inform all their staff regarding this matter to ensure that this does not happen again, and to ensure that it is listed as a notification required to be submitted from the project's awarded contractor (when applicable). This matter/procedure will also be added to their company's construction meeting agenda which they have every year in March as a refresher before any construction begins. We rely on our consultant to meet all regulatory requirements and file all necessary paperwork with applicable agencies.

We thank you for your assistance through this process. Should there be any questions or if you need any additional information or explanation, please do not hesitate to contact me at 906-482-1700 or via email at [eric.waara@cityofhoughton.com](mailto:eric.waara@cityofhoughton.com).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric T. Waara', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eric T. Waara, P.E.  
City Manager

Cc: Jeremy Howe, EGLE  
Joshua Harju, P.E. - UPEA