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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
KALAMAZOO DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

August 17, 2017

Mr. Bruce Hedges
B & S Auto
13432 Portage Road
Vicksburg, Michigan 49097

SRN: U391705996, Kalamazoo County

Dear Mr. Hedges:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On August 14, 2017, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted a complaint investigation of B & S Auto (Facility), located at 13432 Portage Road, Vicksburg, Michigan. The purpose of this investigation was to determine the Facility'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 that the DEQ, AQD, received on August 9, 2017, regarding open burning and smoke attributed to the Facility's operations.

During the investigation, staff of the AQD observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Open Burning	R 336.1310 (Rule 310)	Evidence of burning of materials that were not brush, stumps, logs, or leaves. Burned materials such as fabric mesh, terracotta pots, aluminum, and vehicle insulation were observed partially burned in the burn pit.

On August 14, 2017, staff of the AQD observed partially burned commercial waste materials in the Facility's burn pit.

This constitutes a violation of Rule 310 of Act 451, which prohibits open burning of refuse, garbage, or any other waste material at any business or commercial operation.

In order to comply with Rule 310, the Facility is advised to immediately discontinue any open burning.

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The DEQ encourages the reuse and the recycling of wastes whenever possible. However, any waste that cannot be reused or recycled must be properly disposed of in accordance with Part 115, Solid Waste Management, Section 11512(1), of Act 451. Additionally, if the Facility decides to incinerate their waste, it must be incinerated in a properly designed incinerator. An approved permit must be obtained from the DEQ before commencing installation of any incinerator. An application form is available by request or at the following website: www.michigan.gov/deqair (in the shaded box on the upper, right-hand side of the page).

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by September 7, 2017 (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 the Facility 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. If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring this Facility into compliance, please contact me at the telephone number listed below.

Sincerely,



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Air Quality Division
269-567-3552

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cc: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ
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