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DIRECTOR

July 11, 2017

Mr. Fred Brink
Brink Wood Products, Inc.
1175 76th Street
Byron Center, Michigan 49315

SRN: U41100220, Kent County

Dear Mr. Brink:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On June 19, 2017, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Brink Wood Products, Inc. (Brink) located at 1175 76th Street, Byron Center, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Brink'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 which we received on June 19, 2017, regarding fugitive dust attributed to Brink's operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Grinding, crushing, recycling waste furniture material	Rule 201	No Permit to Install for the handling and processing of furniture waste. This waste included wood, particle board, plywood and laminant. The waste also had the potential to contain various additional contaminants.

During this inspection, it was noted that Brink had installed and commenced operation of an unpermitted process at this facility. The AQD staff advised Brink that this is a violation of Act 451, Rule 201.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the furniture recycling process equipment. 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)

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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.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by August 1, 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 Brink 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 and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Brink. 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,



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