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GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

January 11, 2019

Mr. Matt Delano  
Kent Welding Inc.  
1915 Sterling Avenue NW  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

SRN: U411600217, Kent County

Dear Mr. Delano:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On January 4, 2019, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an investigation of Kent Welding Inc. located at 1915 Sterling Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The purpose of this investigation was to determine Kent Welding Inc.'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 January 2, 2019, regarding smoke and foul odors attributed to Kent Welding Inc.'s operations.

During the investigation, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Wood burning heater	Rule 201	AQD staff observed only particleboard as a fuel for the heater.

During this investigation, it was noted that Kent Welding Inc. had installed and commenced operation of an unpermitted process at this facility. The AQD staff advised Kent Welding Inc. on January 4, 2019, that this may be a violation of Rule 201 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the wood burning equipment. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: [www.michigan.gov/deqair](http://www.michigan.gov/deqair) (in the shaded box on the upper right-hand side of the page).

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.

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If Kent Welding Inc. believes that the process is exempt from requiring an air use permit, please provide a detailed demonstration of the exemption including how the emission unit meets the requirements of the exemption.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by February 1, 2019 (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 recurrence.

Please submit the written response to the DEQ, AQD, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at the DEQ, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Kent Welding Inc. 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 investigation of Kent Welding Inc. 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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Air Quality Division  
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cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ  
Dr. Eduardo Olaguer, DEQ  
Mr. Christopher Ethridge, DEQ  
Ms. Jenine Camilleri, DEQ  
Ms. Heidi Hollenbach, DEQ