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GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

August 17, 2016

Mr. Steve Barnhart
Plains LPG Services, LP
6050 Alden Nash
Alto, Michigan 49302

SRN: U411608702, Kent County

Dear Mr. Barnhart:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On August 10, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Plains LPG Services, LP located at 6050 Alden Nash, Alto, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Plains LPG Services, LP'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 recent nuisance odor complaints which we have received.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Propane storage in above-ground tanks	Rule 201	Three (3) 90,000-gallon propane storage tanks were installed on-site in about 2006. The threshold capacity for exemption qualification per Rule 284(b) is 40,000 gallons.

During this inspection, it was noted that Plains LPG Services, LP had installed unpermitted equipment at this facility. The AQD staff advised Plains LPG Services, LP on August 10, 2016, that this is a violation of Act 451, Rule 201.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the above-ground propane storage process equipment. An application form is available by request, or at the following website:

http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/nsr_information.shtml

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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 September 7, 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 Plains LPG Services, LP 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 Plains LPG Services, LP. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Lachance", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Stephen J. Lachance
Environmental Quality Specialist
Air Quality Division
616-356-0239

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Heidi Hollenbach, DEQ
cc/via e-mail: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ
Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ
Ms. Teresa Seidel, DEQ
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