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December 21, 2016

Ms. Brandy Ralston
2306 Oakland Avenue
Elkhart, Indiana 46517

Chief John Barnett
Yates Township Fire Department
Idlewood, Michigan 49642

SRN / ID: U431612712; Lake County

Dear Ms. Ralston and Mr. Barnett:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On December 15, 2016, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Air Quality Division, performed an asbestos NESHAP (National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants) inspection at 4390 South Cedar, Yates Township, Lake County. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with the requirements of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 61, Subpart M (National Emission Standard for Asbestos), and Rule 942 of Part 55, Air Pollution Control of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451).

According to my investigation, Ms. Brandy Ralston owns the facility and the Yates Township Fire Department performed the Intentional Burn of the facility. The intentional burn took place on or about November 20, 2016. The National Emission Standard for Asbestos holds both the owner and operator equally liable for the violations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following: The liable parties failed to have a thorough survey performed on the subject property and had also failed to provide a 10-working day notice prior to the intentional burn activities.

Process Description	Section Violated	Comments
Failed to perform a thorough asbestos survey and provide a 10-working day notice prior to the intentional burn for the property located at 4390 South Cedar, Yates Township, Lake County	40 CFR 61.145 (a)(b)(3)(i)	Failure to thoroughly inspect the facility for the presence of asbestos. Failure to provide notice.


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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this violation notice by January 12, 2016, (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violations occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; whether the violations are ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations, and the dates by which these actions will take place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence. The signed written response to this violation notice may be submitted by mail and directed to my attention at; DEQ AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909 or scanned and emailed as an attachment to me at; dechyc@michigan.gov.

If you believe the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute a violation of the applicable legal requirements cited, please provide appropriate factual information to explain your position.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my site visit and our phone conversations. If you have any questions regarding the violation notification or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please feel free to contact me at 517-749-2891; dechyc@michigan.gov; or DEQ AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

Sincerely,



Craig Dechy
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Air Quality Division

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