



GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
CADILLAC DISTRICT OFFICE



LIESL EICHLER CLARK
DIRECTOR

July 3, 2019

Ms. Christine Allen
3433 West Empire Highway
Empire, Michigan 49630

and

1012 Lakeshore Drive
Navassa, North Carolina 28451

SRN: U45130747, Leelanau County

Dear Ms. Allen:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On Monday, July 1, 2019, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of the operations located at 3433 West Empire Highway, Empire, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection 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 which we received on July 1, 2019, regarding fugitive dust attributed to sand blasting operations at the facility.

During this inspection, it was noted that operations at 3433 West Empire Highway had commenced operation of unpermitted equipment at this facility. The AQD staff advised the owner at 3433 West Empire Highway on July 2, 2019, that this is 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 sand blasting process equipment. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: www.michigan.gov/air (in the shaded box in 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.

Ms. Christine Allen
July 3, 2019
Page 2

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by July 24, 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 reoccurrence.

Please submit the written response to EGLE, AQD at 120 West Chapin Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

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 and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of the facility at 3433 West Empire Highway. 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,



Caryn E. Owens
Environmental Engineer
Air Quality Division
231-878-6688 / owensc1@michigan.gov

cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE
Dr. Eduardo Olaguer, EGLE
Ms. Jenine Camilleri, EGLE
Mr. Christopher Ethridge, EGLE
Mr. Shane Nixon, EGLE