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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
LANSING DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

December 20, 2017

Mr. Robert Ruhoviak
Howell Landscape Supplies
P.O. Box 2256
Howell, Michigan 48844

SRN: U471706939, Livingston County

Dear Mr. Ruhoviak:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On November 3, 2017, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD) conducted an inspection of Howell Landscape Supplies located at 2971 Pinckney Road, Howell. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Howell Landscape Supplies' 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 complaints which we received on October 25, and November 1, 2017, regarding wood smoke and odors attributed to Howell Landscape Supplies' operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Wood chip stockpile	310	A smoky odor from wood chips that had been extinguished was detectable.

On November 3, 2017, AQD staff was informed that open burning of wood chips had taken place at Howell Landscape Supplies. This constitutes a violation of Act 451, Rule 310 which prohibits open burning of refuse, garbage, or any other waste material at any business or commercial operation. In order to comply with Rule 310, Howell Landscape Supplies is advised to refrain from future open burning.

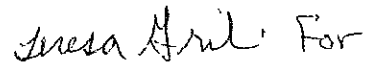
The DEQ encourages the reuse and the recycling of wastes whenever possible. However, any waste that cannot be reused or recycled must be properly disposed of in accordance with Act 451, Part 115, Solid Waste Management, Section 11512(1). Additionally, if Howell Landscape Supplies decides to incinerate their waste, it must be incinerated in a properly designed incinerator. An approved permit must be obtained from the DEQ before commencing installation of any incinerator. 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)

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by January 10, 2018. 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 Howell Landscape Supplies 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 Howell Landscape Supplies. If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the telephone number listed below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel A. McGeen" followed by "For" written in a smaller, less legible script.

Daniel A. McGeen
Environmental Quality Analyst
Air Quality Division
517-284-6638

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cc/via e-mail: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ
Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ
Mr. Chris Ethridge, DEQ
Mr. Thomas Hess, DEQ
Mr. Brad Myott, DEQ