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GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

June 21, 2019

Mr. Mervin Yoder  
MM Sawmill  
8613 184<sup>th</sup> Street  
Holton, Michigan 49425

SRN: U641807905, Oceana County

Dear Mr. Yoder:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On June 14, 2019, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of MM Sawmill located at 8613 184<sup>th</sup> Street, Holton, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine MM Sawmill'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 June 14, 2019, regarding smoke attributed to open burning operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Waste Disposal	Rule 310	Burning of waste material from sawmill operations.

On June 14, 2019, AQD staff observed open burning of waste material at MM Sawmill. This constitutes a violation of Rule 310 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451, 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, MM Sawmill is advised to immediately discontinue any open burning.

EGLE 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 Part 115, Solid Waste Management, Section 11512(1) of Act 451. Additionally, if MM Sawmill decides to incinerate their waste, it must be incinerated in a properly designed incinerator. An approved permit must be obtained from EGLE before commencing installation of any incinerator. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: [www.michigan.gov/air](http://www.michigan.gov/air) (in the shaded box on the upper right-hand side of the page)

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by July 12, 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 EGLE, AQD, Grand Rapids District, at 350 Ottawa Avenue NW, Unit 10, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 and submit a copy to Ms. Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If MM Sawmill 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 MM Sawmill. 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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Environmental Quality Analyst  
Air Quality Division  
616-558-0259

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