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DIRECTOR

February 12, 2020

Mr. Tim Bleyenber
Sheldon Meats
7405 Port Sheldon Street
Hudsonville, Michigan 49426

SRN: U702000600, Ottawa County

Dear Mr. Bleyenber:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On February 5, 2020, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Sheldon Meats located at 7405 Port Sheldon Street, Hudsonville, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Sheldon Meats' 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 February 3, 2020, regarding open burning attributed to Sheldon Meats' operations.

During the inspection, staff determined the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Open burning of deer carcasses	Rule 310	Disposal of deer carcasses through open burning.

On February 5, 2020, AQD staff determined that Sheldon Meats had disposed of deer carcasses through open burning.

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, Sheldon Meats 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.

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Additionally, if Sheldon Meats 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 (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 March 4, 2020 (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, 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 Sheldon Meats 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 Sheldon Meats. 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 Specialist
Air Quality Division
616-558-0616

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE
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