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



October 18, 2022

Michael Zuverink 4526 Adams Street Zeeland, Michigan 49464

SRN: U702205106, Ottawa County

Dear Michael Zuverink:

## VIOLATION NOTICE

On October 13, 2022, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an open burning complaint investigation at 4470 Adams Street, Zeeland, Michigan. The purpose of the investigation was to determine 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); and the Air Pollution Control Rules.

During the investigation, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Open burning	Rule 310(1)	Improper disposal of demolished home.

On October 13, 2022, AQD staff observed open burning of prohibited refuse and other waste material (demolition debris) at 4470 Adams Street, Zeeland. This constitutes a violation of Rule 310(1) of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451, which prohibits open burning of refuse, garbage, or any other waste material except for the following:

- (a) Waste disposal of material from and at 1 or 2 family dwellings that does not contain plastic, rubber, foam, chemically treated wood, textiles, electronics, chemicals, or hazardous materials, if the burning does not violate any other department rules.
- (b) Structures and other materials used exclusively for fire prevention training.
- (c) Trees, logs, brush, and stumps in accordance with applicable state and local regulations if the burning is not conducted within a Priority I area as listed in Table 33, a Priority II area as listed in Table 34, nor closer than 1,400 feet to an incorporated city or village limit and if the burning does not violate any other department rules.

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- (d) Bee keeping equipment and products, including frames, hive bodies, hive covers, combs, wax, and honey, if burned for bee disease control.
- (e) Logs, brush, charcoal, and similar materials that are used in preparing food or for recreation.
- (f) Wooden fruit or vegetable storage bins constructed from untreated lumber if both of the following requirements are met:
  - (i) The burning is conducted for disease or pest control.
  - (ii) The burning is not conducted at any of the following locations:
    - (A) Within a priority I area as listed in table 33 or a priority II area as listed in table 34.
    - (B) In a city or village.
    - (C) Within 1,400 feet outside the boundary of a city or village.
- 2) The exceptions specified in sub rule (1) of this rule do not authorize open burning if prohibited by local law or regulation.

In order to comply with Rule 310, you are being advised to immediately discontinue any illegal 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 which prohibits the disposal of solid waste other than at a licensed solid waste disposal, recycling, or composting facility.

Enclosed is a document that outlines the Open Burning Regulations in Michigan. Additional information can be found at:

- Burning information: Michigan.gov/Openburning
- General air quality information: Michigan.gov/Air
- A List of licensed landfills: Michigan.gov/egle (under the "About Us" tab, choose "Divisions and Offices", select "Materials Management", scroll down and click on "Solid Waste" then scroll down and choose "Solid Waste Disposal Areas").
- A List of recycling centers: Michigan.gov/eglerecycling

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by November 8, 2022 (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.

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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 Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If you believe 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. If you have any questions regarding the violation please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

Chris Robinson Environmental Quality Analyst Air Quality Division 616-286-0083

- cc/enc.: Laurie VanHaitsma, Jamestown Charter Township Supervisor Duane Miedema, Jamestown Charter Township Fire Department
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