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ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY  
BAY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE



DANIEL EICHINGER  
ACTING DIRECTOR

March 14, 2023

Jim Fuller  
Columbo Pneumatic  
P.O. Box 237  
St. Charles, Michigan 48655

Saginaw County

Dear Jim Fuller:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On March 9, 2023, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Columbo Pneumatic located at 11975 Beaver Road, St. Charles, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Columbo Pneumatic'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 March 8, 2023, regarding sand blasting and fugitive dust attributed to Columbo Pneumatic's operations.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Sand blasting	R 336.1285(2)(l)(vi)(C)	Sand blast activity requires equipment that is externally vented to be controlled by an appropriately designed and operated fabric filter collector that is preceded by a mechanical precleaner. Sand blast is currently vented externally without control.

During this inspection, it was noted that Columbo Pneumatic had installed a sand blast booth without proper control. The sand blast operation was vented externally without an appropriate control installed. Sand blast material was being blown into the air. The AQD staff advised Columbo Pneumatic the sand blast equipment requires equipment that is externally vented to be controlled by an appropriately designed and operated fabric filter collector that is preceded by a mechanical precleaner.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by April 4, 2023 (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, Bay City District, at 401 Ketchum Street, Bay City, Michigan 48708 and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Columbo Pneumatic 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 Columbo Pneumatic. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina L. McCann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gina" being the most prominent.

Gina L. McCann  
Environmental Quality Specialist  
Air Quality Division  
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