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BAY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

May 24, 2022

Rick Merchant  
High Life Farms  
624 Brady Street  
Chesaning, Michigan 48616

U732201570, Saginaw County

Dear Rick Merchant:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On March 3, 2022, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of High Life Farms located at 624 Brady Street, Chesaning, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine High Life Farms' 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 inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Five (5) natural gas fired boilers	R 336.1201(1)	Installation of process equipment without a permit
Two (2) diesel fired emergency generators	R 336.1201(1)	Installation of process equipment without a permit
Cannabis Oil Extraction Process	R 336.1201(1)	Installation of process equipment without a permit
Odor Oxidation System	R 336.1201(1)	Installation of process equipment without a permit

During this inspection, it was noted that High Life Farms had installed unpermitted equipment at this facility. AQD staff advised High Life Farms on March 3, 2022, that this is a violation of Rule 201 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the five (5) natural gas fired boilers, two (2) diesel fired emergency generators, odor oxidation system, and cannabis oil extraction process equipment. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: [www.michigan.gov/air](http://www.michigan.gov/air).

Be advised that Rule 201 requires that a permit be obtained prior to installation, construction, operation, reconstruction, relocation, or alteration of any process or process equipment which may be a source of an air contaminant.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by June 14, 2022 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violations occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; whether the violations are ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations 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 Suite B, 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 High Life Farms 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 violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of High Life Farms. If you have any questions regarding the violations 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 McCann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "M".

Gina McCann  
Environmental Quality Specialist  
Air Quality Division  
989-439-2282

cc: Cannabis Regulatory Agency  
Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE  
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