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DIRECTOR

March 2, 2017

Mr. Michael Palmer
Palmer Farms Inc.
2779 Ruth Road
Deckerville, Michigan 48427

SRN: Unassigned, Sanilac County

Dear Mr. Palmer:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On February 23, 2017, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), received a complaint of a nonmetallic mineral crusher operating closer than 500 feet to a residence. After investigation, it was discovered the crusher located in Croswell, Michigan did not have a permit. The purpose of this investigation was to determine Palmer Farms Inc.'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); and the Air Pollution Control Rules.

| Process Description | Rule/Permit Condition Violated | Comments |
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| Nonmetallic Mineral Crusher Installation and Operation | R 336.1201 Shall not install or operate an emission unit without a permit to install (PTI) (unless the emission unit meets and exemption) | Palmer Farms installed and operated a nonmetallic crusher without a receiving Permit to Install |

During this inspection, it was noted that Palmer Farms Inc. had Installed and commenced operation of unpermitted equipment at this facility. The AQD staff advised Palmer Farms Inc. on February 23, 2017, that this is a violation of Act 451, Rule 201.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the non metallic mineral crusher process equipment. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: www.michigan.gov/deqair (in the shaded box on the upper right hand side of the page).

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.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by March 23, 2017 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the

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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.

If Palmer Farms Inc. 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.

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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