

PILLAR

MANUFACTURING CO.

35620 CR 388
P.O. BOX 414
Gobles, MI 49055 U.S.A.
269-628-5605 FAX: 269-628-5607



April 24, 2019

DEQ, AQD
Kalamazoo District
7953 Adobe Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Dear Amanda Chapel

RE: SRN: U801903680, Van Buren County

This letter is to address a letter received from you dated April 2, 2019 regarding a violation notice located at:

35620 CR 388
Gobles, MI 49055

Please be advised that this letter was delayed in delivery as the letter received was mailed to Pillar Manufacturing's physical address and not the mailing address of P.O. Box 414 Gobles, MI 49055.

The specific nature of the alleged violation(s) as follows:

1. Black smoke attributed to burning operations and leaking equipment stored behind the facility.

Pillar Manufacturing has reviewed over the alleged violation and have found the following:

1. Our maintenance person left on 2/20/19.
2. We have not burned anything on the property since 2/20/19 to present.
3. Employees have been instructed not to burn plastic and steel at all regularly held safety meetings.
4. There are designated containers for non-burnable garbage and everyone is reminded of them at all regularly held safety meetings.
5. We have a plastic water bottle recycling container to be used and has been in place for some time.

Pillar Manufacturing has made the necessary corrections or modifications to the above alleged violations.

1. We are currently in the process of implementing a very in-depth recycling system that will have separate containers labeled for trash, metal, food, plastic, only burnable – cardboard and paper
2. We will continue to advise employees regarding the recycling bins and the non-burnable garbage during regular safety meetings

3. We will be implementing a signed statement for any employee responsible for burning that they will be paying attention to what is being burned and ensure that non-burnable items do not go in the burn barrel.
4. We will be putting a label near the burn barrels that states only paper and cardboard is to be burned.

Pillar Manufacturing has also reviewed for further possible alleged violations and have found the following

1. The letter dated April 2, 2019 states the following:
 - a. In order to comply with Rule 310, Pillar Manufacturing is advised to immediately discontinue any open burning
2. During the walk through with you and Erica Bays, I took notes during the meeting of your comments made. One of the comments made was that we could continue to do open burning.
3. You and I also had a phone conversation on 04/12/19. It was stated during that conversation that we were still allowed to do open burning and the letter that I received was a standard form letter.

Sincerely,

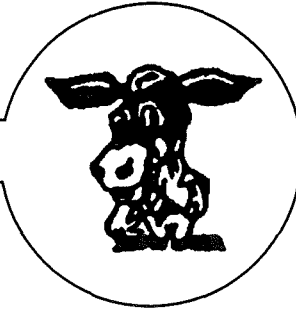


Greg A. Pillar

GAP/smd

Enclosure: (1)

cc: Ms. Jenine Camilleri, DEQ



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Date:

I _____, understand that as part of my job responsibilities I am responsible for burning only cardboard and paper in the burn barrels when asked to burn garbage. If I fail to remove un-burnable garbage, I understand that my position will be in jeopardy.

Employee Printed Name

Employee Signature