

February 8, 2024

VIA E-MAIL

Jeremy Howe EGLE
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Dear Mr. Jeremy Howe, Mr. Jason Wolf and Mr. Jeffrey Benya:

I am writing to acknowledge and address the issue of asbestos at the property located at 1959 East Jefferson Ave, Detroit.

The violation occurred on January 4th, 2024. Stemming from a series of unfortunate events initiated by multiple acts of vandalism to the property, initially starting by the theft of the metal fence surrounding the property, the situation escalated with unauthorized access to the building's interior. Subsequent thefts included metal electrical panels, HVAC units, metal staircases, and any materials deemed valuable as scrap. The culmination of these incidents resulted in extensive damage and vandalism, prompting an emergency citation due to shattered glass on the sidewalk.

To mitigate the immediate threat to public safety and prevent further violations, I hired Poe's Restoration to secure the structure, remove broken glass and debris left by the vandals and board up the building. It's crucial to clarify that the building was not going under any renovation.

Throughout the cleanup and boarding process, the vandals persistently removed the boards, stealing whatever they could salvage. Concurrently, the discovery of homeless individuals residing within the building prompted us to contact the NCA, who informed us of their full capacity and inability to assist. Despite multiple reports to the police, the lack of harm to individuals hindered their ability to intervene effectively.

As a precautionary measure, we enlisted Poe's Restoration to remove the debris caused by the vandals, leading to the placement of dumpsters. Debris from vandalism was removed by Poe restoration and was unknown that any material contained asbestos within the piles of debris within the structure.

The goal was to be able to put up an alarm system and secure the building to stop any further vandalism and stop the homeless from accessing the building.

On January 4, 2024, the Department of Environmental, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD) raised concerns about possible asbestos. In response, we immediately halted cleanup operations and took prompt action by engaging GGSG and TEK's Consulting to conduct proper asbestos removal and analysis. As per your email, you have already received confirmation that the dumpster and the parking lot were successfully and properly cleaned up.

This incident has provided valuable insights into addressing future situations involving cleanup and renovations to ensure the safety of the property and the surrounding community. Most importantly Mr. Tyler Lenling is currently retained to ensure that all the necessary steps and surveys are completed before any further access to the building.

I also acknowledge receipt and understanding of the attached "understanding NESHAP" fact sheet that was emailed to me.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hany Boutros', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

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