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KALAMAZOO DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

January 4, 2018

Mr. Ronald Fox
Graphic Packaging International, Inc.
79 East Fountain Street
Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

SRN: B1534, Calhoun County

Dear Mr. Fox:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On December 6, 2017, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Graphic Packaging International, Inc. (Facility), located at 79 East Fountain Street, Battle Creek, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to investigate recent complaints that AQD staff received on November 28, and December 5, 2017, regarding fallout of liquid mist droplets attributed to the Facility's operations.

During the inspection, staff of the AQD observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Paper Machine No. 2 - Vacuum extraction process exhaust stack	Rule 901(b)	Enclosed laboratory results indicate a significant amount of paper fibers were present in both the sample (ID: BC-1) collected from the complainant's truck windshield and the suspected emission source sample (ID: BC-2) collected from the vacuum exhaust drain line for Paper Machine No. 2. A copy of staff's December 6, 2017, complaint investigation report is also enclosed for reference purposes.

In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the liquid mist fallout from Paper Machine No. 2 vacuum extraction process exhaust stack, and resultant solid precipitate residue on the complainant's vehicle were of sufficient intensity, frequency, and duration so as to constitute an unreasonable interference with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property in violation of Rule 901(b).

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by January 25, 2018 (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.

If the Facility 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 the Facility. If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring this Facility into compliance, please contact me at the telephone number listed below.

Sincerely,



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Senior Environmental Quality Analyst
Air Quality Division
269-567-3547

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. David Likens, Graphic Packaging International, Inc.
Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ
Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ
Mr. Christopher Ethridge, DEQ
Mr. Thomas Hess, DEQ
Ms. Mary Douglas, DEQ