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ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY  
WARREN DISTRICT OFFICE



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DIRECTOR

August 27, 2024

Bill Kleine  
Korex Corporation  
50000 Pontiac Trail  
Wixom, MI 48393

SRN: B5619, Oakland County

Dear Bill Kleine:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On August 20, 2024, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Korex Corporation located at 50000 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to investigate complaints which AQD received in July and August 2024 regarding powerful detergent odors attributed to Korex Corporation's operations. In addition, the investigation was conducted to determine if the distinct and definite objectionable detergent odors observed downwind of Korex by AQD staff on August 8, 2024, were ongoing.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
Manufacturing operations at Korex	Rule 336.1901	A distinct and definite objectional odor (level 3) was detected downwind from the facility due to the manufacturing operations at Korex Corporation.

In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the odors that were observed were of sufficient intensity, frequency and duration so as to constitute a violation of Rule 901 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451.

The AQD staff detected strong detergent/soapy odors in a recreational and commercial area approximately 700-900 feet downwind from Korex Corporation.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by **September 17, 2024** (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.

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Please submit the written response to Jillian Cellini at EGLE, AQD, Warren District, at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092 or [cellinij1@michigan.gov](mailto:cellinij1@michigan.gov) and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Korex Corporation 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. 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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Air Quality Division  
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