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This is a response for a violation notice issued on November 30th 2020 For a violation For COMS Monitoring System, Biewer Sawmill, McBain, Mi.

The downtime for the recording system was from 9-7-2020 @ 9:51 am until 9-23-2020 @ 9:15 am

The recorder was down for a bad card and was repaired by Monitoring Solutions when they received the parts. The parts had to be ordered as they were not in stock. Due to Covid 19, we have seen some parts take a lot longer than normal to come into our facility or be on backorder for extended periods of time.

The violation is not ongoing and was corrected on 9-23-2020

We have communicated with our service provider about a different style monitoring system for use in the future. We have quotes on cost and availability. If we have issues in the future with our monitoring system / recorder, Our service company has the ability to get us a new system and install within days, as the newer systems are stock on a shelf.

Biewer Sawmill does keep hand written logs of our Opacity and 6 minute averages hourly on an operator log sheet. This information is filled out every day from an operator who is on site, 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Daily hand written logs are stored in the Boiler Control Room and can be accessed at any time.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss more, I am available anytime at

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Thank you.

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