

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY





August 22, 2016

Mr. Jeff Adler, President Tuscola Energy, Inc 7998 M-25 Akron, Michigan 48701

SRN: N3228, Tuscola County

Dear Mr. Adler:

## **VIOLATION NOTICE**

On July 18, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), requested records for the Boyce B1 & B2 crude oil production facility from Tuscola Energy, Inc. The purpose of this request was to determine Tuscola Energy, Inc.'s compliance with the requirements of the conditions of Permit to Install (PTI) number 116-12.

After reviewing records, staff observed the following:

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Violation Description	<u> </u>	Comments
Records	PTI 116-12 SC VI 1a & b	Records indicated
		operation March 4-6, 2016
		yet DEQ staff was on site
		March 4, 2016 requiring
		shutdown due to
		equipment problems and
		lack of pilot flame
Records	PTI 116-12 SC VI 1a & b	Records were present for
		April 31, 2016 and June
Î		31, 2016 which do not
		exist
Operation without	PTI 116-12 SC IV 1	DEQ staff was on site
continuously burning pilot		March 4, 2016 requiring
flame if records are correct		shutdown due to
		equipment problems and
		lack of pilot flame yet
		records show operation on
		March 4-6, 2016

It should be noted the company records were incomplete at the time of the request though as stated in permit conditions, they are supposed to be completed by the 15<sup>th</sup>

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day of the calendar month, for the previous month. The company subsequently provided records on July 25, 2016.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by September 5, 2016 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violations occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; whether the violations are ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations and the dates by which these actions will take place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

If Tuscola Energy, Inc. 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.

It should be noted the facility is subject to the conditions of a Consent Order (AQD 37-2015, OOGM 2997) which was effective as of December 17, 2015. The violations presented above may result in stipulated penalties for the facility.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me. If you have any questions regarding the violations or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,

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cc/via e-mail: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ

Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, DEQ

Mr. Chris Ethridge, DEQ Mr. Thomas Hess, DEQ Mr. Chris Hare, DEQ