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May 25, 2018

Mr. Michael Palmer, President
Palmer Farms Incorporated
2779 Ruth Road
Deckerville, Michigan 48427

SRN: P0798, Sanilac County

Dear Mr. Palmer:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On May 23, 2018, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an inspection of Palmer Farms, Inc.'s portable non-metallic crusher located at 1375 South Caseville Road, Pigeon, Winsor Township, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine Palmer Farms, Inc.'s compliance with the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act; Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451); the Air Pollution Control Rules; and the conditions of General Permit to Install (PTI) number 41-17.

During the inspection, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
FGCRUSHING	S.C. 1.13(b) / R336.201	A notice of intent to relocate and associated documentation shall be provided to the appropriate district office and the Permit Section not less than 10 days prior to the scheduled relocation.
FGCRUSHING	S.C. 1.7 / R336.1301; R336.1331	Each crusher and screen shall be equipped with a water spray or baghouse dust collector.

During this inspection, it was noted that Palmer Farms, Inc. had installed and commenced operation of an unpermitted process at 1375 South Caseville Road. The AQD staff advised Palmer Farms, Inc. on May 23, 2018, that this is a violation of Act 451, Rule 201.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the FGCRUSHING process equipment. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: www.michigan.gov/deqair (in the shaded box on the upper right hand side of the page).

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Be advised that Rule 201 requires that a permit be obtained prior to installation, construction, operation, reconstruction, relocation, or alteration of any process or process equipment which may be a source of an air contaminant.

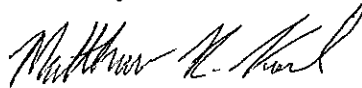
Additionally, it was noted that FGCRUSHING processes were operating without water spray or baghouse dust collection control equipment. This constitutes a violation of Act 451, Rule 301 and Rule 331, which prohibit emissions of particulate matter from any process or process equipment in excess of the maximum allowable emission rate listed in Table 31 or specified as a condition of an air use permit.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by June 17, 2018 (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 Palmer Farms, 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.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended during the inspection of 1375 South Caseville Road. 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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