

Universal Casket Co.

September 24, 2024

State of Michigan
Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
Kalamazoo District Office
Air Quality Division
ATTN: Mariah Scott
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Kalamazoo, MI 49009

RE: VIOLATION NOTICE- JULY 26, 2024, INSPECTION

As detailed in the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) September 16th letter, Universal Casket Company, Inc. (UNIVERSAL), located at 17664 Chain Lake Street, Cassopolis, MI was inspected on July 26, 2024.

EGLE has requested a response from UNIVERSAL by October 7, 2024, detailing the following:

1. The dates the violations occurred.
2. An explanation of the causes and duration of the violations.
3. Whether the violations are ongoing.
4. A summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations.
5. The dates by which these actions will take place.
6. What steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

UNIVERSAL's response to each item is provided below for EGLE's review:

1. The dates the violations occurred.

Per the inspection, UNIVERSAL was found to be in violation of operating below the 1600°F permitted temperature during the entire combustion cycle on the following dates: September 13, 2023, September 20, 2023, November 2, 2023, November 14, 2023, December 13, 2023, January 17, 2024, January 24, 2024, February 7, 2024, February 15, 2024, February 27, 2024, March 25, 2024, May 17, 2024, and July 30, 2024.

2. An explanation of the causes and duration of the violations.

Violations were caused by operating EUCREMATORY1 before and while the unit was below the minimum temperature. The combustion process was completed for each violation, but at a lower temperature.

3. Whether the violations are ongoing.

Violations are not ongoing.

4. A summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations.

In consultation with EGLE, UNIVERSAL has implemented a policy that the minimum operating temperature of the afterburner chamber of EUCREMATORY1 is 1600°F, and that no cremation is to take place until the afterburner chamber has reached a minimum temperature of 1600°F.

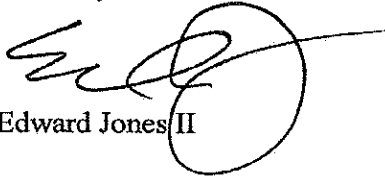
5. The dates by which these actions will take place.

This policy was implemented on September 11, 2024.

6. What steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

In consultation with EGLE, UNIVERSAL has implemented a policy that the minimum operating temperature of the afterburner chamber of EUCREMATORY1 is 1600°F, and that no cremation is to take place until the afterburner chamber has reached a minimum temperature of 1600°F.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Jones II', with a large circular flourish at the end.

Edward Jones II

Cc: Jenine Camilleri, EGLE