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November 4, 2015

Mr. Ed Lancaster
Senior Environmental Quality Analyst
Air Quality Division
Department of Environmental Quality
1504 West Washington Street
Marquette, MI 49855

Re: SRN: U071512196, Baraga County. Burn violation

Dear Sirs:

This is a response to the violation of the State of Michigan regulations concerning the burning of materials by employees of the Baraga Telephone Company. Our employees may have been burning a few wooden pallets, we might have burned a wooden cable reel and numerous cardboard boxes. An employee had also caused to be burned a couple of pieces of plastic conduit.

This violation was described in a letter I received dated October 28, 2015 from the Department of Environmental Quality.

The date of the violation: September 24, 2015 as stated in the letter.

The causes were that we had too much of these materials on hand. In our defense, before we had done any burning I had checked with the local office of the Michigan DNR who informed me that burning at this location was a matter for the Village of L'Anse. I then checked with the Village of L'anse and they informed that they had no problem with this burning. Of course, this was a few years ago and the laws have changed, I guess.

I informed our employees that we are to no longer burn any materials. This took place on the next day, September 25, 2015.

Sincerely,



Paul W. Stark

President, Baraga Telephone Company.