

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY LANSING



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DIRECTOR

January 30, 2018

Mr. Steven Pitsch Asbestos Contractors, Incorporated 675 Richmond Street, N.W. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

Mr. Frederick Grice, Jr. Home Town Pharmacy 60 East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street Newaygo, Michigan 49337

SRN/ID: U231800042; Eaton County

Dear Mr. Pitsch and Mr. Grice:

## **VIOLATION NOTICE**

On January 25, 2018, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD) performed an asbestos inspection at 115 North Main Street, Bellevue, Eaton County, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with the requirements of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 61, Subpart M (National Emission Standard for Asbestos), and Rule 942 of Part 55, Air Pollution Control of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451).

According to our investigation, Mr. Frederick Grice, Home Town Pharmacy is the owner of the property and Asbestos Contractors Incorporated abated the structure. The National Emission Standard for Asbestos holds the owner and operator liable for all violations.

During the investigation, AQD staff, Mr. Jeremiah Brown observed/discovered the following:

The subject property was currently having the RACM plaster abated from the walls. There was no indication of water being used during the removal process. The RACM waste containers were lined, however the RACM plaster inside was dry.

Process Description	Section Violated	Comments
Failure to wet plaster during abatement and failure to keep wet after placing in waste container.	§61.145(c)(3)	Failure to wet during stripping.
	§61.145(c)(6)(i)	Failure to wet RACM that has been stripped.

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this violation notice by February 20, 2018, which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter. The written response should include: the date(s) the violation occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violation; whether the violations are ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violation, and the date(s) by which these actions will take place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence. The <u>signed</u> written response from <u>owner and operator</u> to this violation notice may be submitted by mail and directed to my attention at: DEQ AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760, or it may be scanned and sent as an email attachment to brownj9@michigan.gov.

If you believe the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute a violation of the applicable legal requirements cited, please provide appropriate factual information to explain your position.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violation cited above and for the cooperation extended to me during our meeting and emails. If you have any questions regarding the violation notice or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at 517-599-7825; brownj9@michigan.gov; or DEQ AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Brown

**Environmental Quality Analyst** 

Air Quality Division

cc: Ms. Lynn Fiedler, DEQ

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