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Mr. Craig W. Dechy
Senior Environmental Quality Analyst
Air Quality Division – Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

Re: Violation Notice

Dear Mr. Dechy,

Thank you for our phone call yesterday, I would like to add that Priority Waste is a fully integrated waste company and owns 1420 E. Pierson Road, Flint, MI 48505, and the abandoned structures on the parcel.

In February 2024 trespassers entered the property and “hot-wired” heavy equipment that was on site. During their foray they ran the equipment into the wall of the former facility causing a wall to lean and creating a substantial risk of it falling to the ground.

Our team also noticed a strong odor of gas in the area, therefore they contacted the gas and electric providers and requested the services be disconnected. A quick decision was made to remove the structure to preserve human life and prevent a catastrophe. The structure was removed, and the debris was disposed of safely.

These measures were not taken with wrongful intent or to circumvent the standard demolition procedures required by Michigan law. To the contrary, our actions were intended to stop the trespassing, conversion of our equipment and to eliminate the risk of harm those actions presented. Further, the structure at issue had been abandoned for an extended period of time and had been raided many times over by vagrants.

In the future, and without exception, any property demolition conducted by, or at the request of, Priority will include a thorough asbestos inspection and the Notice of Intent to Renovate/Demolish will be submitted to the administrator. As such I have briefed Priority safety and building personnel on the steps to follow in the future should we encounter the need to remedy such a hazard, as well as the notice and inspections required prior to the demolition of property.

Sincerely,

Todd K. Stamper
Priority Waste LLC