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CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Edward Vallad
State of Michigan, Department of Corrections
206 East Michigan Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Mr. Doug Melching
16942 Woodlane Drive
Nunica, Michigan 49448

SRN: U341604265

Dear Mr. Vallad and Mr. Melching:

VIOLATION NOTICE

On May 13, 2016, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Air Quality Division (AQD), performed an asbestos inspection at 1342 West Main Street (Power Plant), Ionia, Ionia 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.

According to my investigation, Mr. Vallad of the State of Michigan Department of Corrections is the responsible person for the subject property, and Mr. Doug Melching is the contractor who performed the abatement activities at this location. The abatement occurred on or around April 27, 2016. The National Emission Standard for Asbestos holds both the owner and operator equally liable for violations.

During the investigation, staff observed the following:

The subject property had a boiler with RACM removed without a 10-day notification submitted and improperly removed.

Process Description	Section Violated	Comments
	§61.145(b)(3)(i)	Failure to provide notice prior to asbestos work
	§61.145(c)(3)	Failure to wet during stripping
	§61.145(c)(4)	Failure to contain in leak tight container
	§61.145(c)(6)(i)	Failure to wet RACM that has been stripped
	§61.150(a)(1)(iii)	Failure to seal while wet
	§61.150(a)(1)(v)	No generator labels
	§61.150(c)	No signs during loading and unloading

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Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this violation notice by June 13, 2016 (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 violation is 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 signed written response from both owner and operator to this violation notice may be submitted by mail and directed to my attention at; DEQ AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909 or 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

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