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June 23, 2014

Re: Odor Complaint

Mr. Rob Dickman Department of Environmental Quality Environmental Quality Analyst 120 West Chapin Street Cadillac, MI 49601

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SRN: U67090093, Osceola County

Dear Mr. Dickman,

In response to the complaint, due to odors, Morgan Composting, Inc. would like to take this opportunity to explain how the odors rose to unacceptable levels and to outline the steps taken to minimize future odors.

On June 6, 2014, a complaint was reported. We were in the process of building windrows to begin the composting process, as well as re-turning built windrows for blending purposes. Our spring this year was later than typical, due to an extreme winter, as well as the rainy season slowed our normal windrow building dates. This caused us to move piles of material in warmer weather. Morgan Composting, Inc. was aware of the rising odor and responded by taking steps to minimize the problem.

The measures to minimize the offensive odors were to add carbon to the windrow in order to stabilize the nitrogen and to cap the windrows with sawdust, therefore minimizing any odor emission. Within a respectable time frame, the odor was down to acceptable levels. Morgan Composting, Inc. has always been very aware of our close neighbors and our role in the community. This makes us pay very close attention to the wind direction and turning times through the day, in which Morgan's exercises extreme caution.

Since June 6, 2014, our sites have been prepared and well into the process of breaking down. We are confident that the unacceptable levels of odor have been controlled and are no longer an issue. Also, for future site preparation, we have been in research and development for an odor control product, liquid carbon. Constant management of our sites also ensure a proactive step in keeping good relations with our surrounding neighbors and community. Odor control has always been held to the highest importance

and at the top of the priority list. Morgan Composting, Inc. does not take this lightly, and we will continue to put forth every effort to minimize odor.

Morgan Composting, Inc. is not just a wholesale/agricultural sales based company. We also have a retail store at our location. Our store is located at the front of the farm, it should also be noted that this location is on an extremely well-traveled Michigan Highway, US HWY 10. We have grown our retail store 30% in the last fiscal year which equals out to roughly 64,000 visitors to our composting facility. That amount of road and foot traffic should speak volumes to the odor control we enforce. It should speak to the efforts taken and maintained, although this isn't a utopian world, we take every measure of prevention.

With respect, Brad Morgan

President, CEO

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