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September 21, 2015

Re: Odor Complaint

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

SRN: U67090093, Osceola County

Dear Mr. Dickman,

In response to the complaint documented on August 26, 2015 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 August 26th, 2015, a complaint was reported citing foul odors. We were in the process of turning windrows to keep the composting process at top levels of performance, as well as re-turning built windrows for blending purposes. Morgan Composting, Inc. was aware of the rising odor and responded quickly 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, to be compliant with the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act; Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451). Morgan Composting, Inc. has always been aware of our close neighbors and our role in the community; because of this, Morgan Composting, Inc. monitors daily the wind direction and turning times through the day, in which Morgan's exercises extreme caution.

Our sites are in the process of breaking down. We are confident that the unacceptable levels of odor have been controlled and is no longer an issue. Also, we are continuing our research and development to find ways to control odor. Odor control has always been a high priority for us at Morgan's and does not take this issue lightly.

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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 continually grown our retail store 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.

We believe it is the same complainant that has called about odors previously, this complainant also has a human waste septic removal business. Morgan composting, Inc. also notated within one hour after Mr. Dickman leaving our facility for his inspection regarding the August 26th odor complaint, the complainant was out on his own property, spreading liquid human waste on a small partial of his land. We feel the complainant is bringing attention to Morgan Composting, Inc.'s facility in order to cover the complainants own odorous causing actions.

With respect,


Brad Morgan
President, CEO

Cc/via email:

Mr. Mahoney, MDA
Mr. Roskoskey, DEQ
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