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VIA EMAIL ONLY

Wayne Hyman  
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SRN: P1318, Clare County

Dear Wayne Hyman:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On May 24, 2024, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), received notification from Layline Oil and Gas, LLC of an increase in the H<sub>2</sub>S concentration in gas from the Blevins et al 3-11 well. The Layline Oil and Gas, LLC Cranberry Lake facility is permitted under Permit to Install (PTI) No 4-23A. Gas from the Blevins et al 3-11 is permitted to be sent to the Cranberry Lake facility for processing. As part of the permit evaluation for PTI No. 4-23A, the Blevins et al 3-11 well was evaluated at a H<sub>2</sub>S concentration of 45,000 ppm. Layline Oil and Gas, LLC reported recent test sample results for the Blevins et al 3-11 well tested at 85,000 ppm. The increase in the H<sub>2</sub>S concentration from what was evaluated during permitting is “a modification in the process” and therefore subject to the requirements of Rule 201 (R 336.1201) of the administrative rules promulgated under Part 55, Air Pollution Control of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
FGPRODUCTION	Rule 336.1201	The H <sub>2</sub> S concentration of the Blevins et al 3-11 well increased above the H <sub>2</sub> S concentration for which the well was evaluated during permit evaluation. This increase indicates a change in the method of operation, which increases the amount of H <sub>2</sub> S emitted into the outer air.

A modification is defined by R 336.1113(e) which states “making a physical change in, or change in the method of operation of, existing process or process equipment which increases the amount of any air contaminant emitted into the outer air.” The AQD has determined a change in fuel is “a modification in the process” and an increase in the Potential to Emit (PTE) and therefore subject to the requirements of R 336.1201.

A program for compliance may include a completed PTI application for the Layline Oil and Gas, LLC Cranberry Lake Facility. An application form is available by request, or at the following website: [www.michigan.gov/air](http://www.michigan.gov/air).

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violations and submit a written response to this Violation Notice by July 9, 2024 (which coincides with 21 calendar days from the date of this letter). The written response should include: the dates the violations occurred; an explanation of the causes and duration of the violations; whether the violations are ongoing; a summary of the actions that have been taken and are proposed to be taken to correct the violations and the dates by which these actions will take place; and what steps are being taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

Please submit the written response to Nathanael Gentle at EGLE, AQD, Bay City District, at 401 Ketchum Street, Suite B, Bay City, Michigan 48708 or [GentleN@Michigan.gov](mailto:GentleN@Michigan.gov) and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Layline Oil and Gas, LLC believes the above observations or statements are inaccurate or do not constitute violations of the applicable legal requirements cited, please provide appropriate factual information to explain your position.

Thank you for your attention to resolving the violations cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection. If you have any questions regarding the violations or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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