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WARREN DISTRICT OFFICE



PHILLIP D. ROOS  
DIRECTOR

May 15, 2024

Philip Oliver, President  
Industrial Metal Coating  
6070 18 Mile Road  
Sterling Heights, Michigan 48314

SRN: N5145, Macomb County

Dear Philip Oliver:

**VIOLATION NOTICE**

On May 9, 2024, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an odor survey in the surrounding area of Industrial Metal Coating (IMC) located at 6070 18 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan. The purpose of the odor investigation was to investigate an odor complaint the AQD received on May 1, 2024, regarding nuisance odors associated with the operations at Industrial Metal Coating.

During the investigation, staff observed the following:

Process Description	Rule/Permit Condition Violated	Comments
E-coat process	R 336.1901	A distinct and definite objectionable odor was detected downwind of IMC. The odor was strong enough that it would cause a person to attempt to avoid it completely (odor intensity ranging from 3 to 4). The same odor was detected at IMC's E-coat curing oven area.

In the professional judgment of AQD staff, the odors that were detected were of sufficient intensity, frequency, and duration so as to constitute a violation of Rule 901 of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451 and General Condition number 6 of PTI number 25-16B.

AQD staff detected nuisance odors downwind of Industrial Metal Coating on Mound Round between 18 Mile Road and ElmrIDGE Road and then visited the facility and verified that the odors were indeed originating from the facility's E-coat curing oven.

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The cited General Condition number 6 of PTI number 25-16A is also enforceable as paragraph 5.7 of Consent Judgment, AQD number 2021-95-CE.

Please initiate actions necessary to correct the cited violation and submit a written response to this violation notice by May 22, 2024, (which coincides with 5 business days from the date of this letter per Section 5.7(C) of the Consent Judgment). The written response should include: a report identifying the corrective action(s) to resolve the alleged violation and any evidence gathered by Industrial Metal Coating in the conduct of its investigation supporting its findings. If such investigation identifies one or more underlying site conditions that are the cause of the alleged violation, then Industrial Metal Coating shall provide a written response that will include the condition(s) that are the cause of the alleged violation, including a plan identifying any changes to processes or procedures and/or capital expenditures required, and the time frame within which it will commit to implement such remedial actions.

Please submit the written response to Robert Joseph at EGLE, AQD, Warren District, at 27700 Donald Court, Warren, Michigan 48092, or [Josephr4@michigan.gov](mailto:Josephr4@michigan.gov) and submit a copy to Jenine Camilleri, Enforcement Unit Supervisor at EGLE, AQD, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760.

If Industrial Metal Coating 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 violation cited above and for the cooperation that was extended to me during my inspection of Industrial Metal Coating. If you have any questions regarding the violation or the actions necessary to bring this facility into compliance, please contact me at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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Air Quality Division  
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