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July 16, 2025

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Greg Wilkerson, President
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL:

John Ruskowski, Registered Agent
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Re: Notice of Violation and Proposed Agreed Order
for Violations Identified via Compliance Review
Fiber Bond Corporation
Plant ID No. 091-00083
Michigan City, LaPorte County
Case No. 2025-30924-A

Dear Greg Wilkerson:

A representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management ("IDEM"), Office of Air Quality, conducted a compliance review of records concerning Fiber Bond Corporation located at 110 Menke Road in Michigan City, Indiana. As a result of information obtained during that review, IDEM alleges that a violation of an environmental permit condition occurred. Specifically, Fiber Bond Corporation failed to timely submit their 2025 First Quarter Deviation and Compliance Monitoring Report.

In accordance with IC 13-30-3-3, this letter includes a Notice of Violation that sets forth the alleged violation and an Agreed Order that provides Fiber Bond Corporation the opportunity to settle this enforcement action. IDEM encourages settlement by Agreed Order when possible to quickly correct environmental violations and avoid litigation.

The alleged violation identified in the Notice of Violation is among those that IDEM has determined qualifies for expedited enforcement. This means that the enclosed Agreed Order is non-negotiable, and it represents IDEM's best settlement offer in this matter. The civil penalty included in the Agreed Order is the penalty amount that IDEM will accept only for the settlement of the alleged violation identified therein under its expedited enforcement program.

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If Fiber Bond Corporation agrees to settle this enforcement action in accordance with the enclosed Agreed Order, its responsible official should sign and return the entire original Agreed Order within sixty (60) days of receipt to IDEM at the following address:

Eric Ross, Case Manager
Compliance and Enforcement Branch – Mail Code 61-53
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Indiana Government Center North
100 North Senate Avenue, Room 13W
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251
EMRoss@idem.in.gov

The civil penalty should be sent to the address listed in the Agreed Order within fifteen (15) days of your receipt of a copy of the final adopted Agreed Order. The final adopted Agreed Order will be mailed to you after it is approved and signed by the Assistant Commissioner of IDEM's Office of Air Quality.

IDEM is not required to extend the offer of entry into the Agreed Order for more than sixty (60) days. Because Indiana law allows a source to enter into an Agreed Order without admitting that the violation occurred, the attached Agreed Order includes this non-admission language. (See line 3 of the first paragraph of the Agreed Order.) If the Agreed Order is not entered into, IDEM may proceed with additional enforcement action requiring compliance with environmental permit conditions and may seek monetary penalties in accordance with IDEM's Civil Penalty Policy (ID No. Enforcement 99-0002-NPD), which likely will result in a greater penalty than the penalty amount offered in this Agreed Order.

Please contact Eric Ross, Case Manager, of my staff at 317-489-9729 or EMRoss@idem.in.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Janusz Johnson, Branch Chief
Compliance and Enforcement
Office of Air Quality

cc: LaPorte County Health Department
Eric Ross, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Office of Air Quality
Thalia Hobson, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Office of Air Quality
Randy Hoffman, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Office of Air Quality



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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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Case No. 2025-30924-A

Based on an investigation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management ("IDEM") has reason to believe that Fiber Bond Corporation ("Respondent") has violated an environmental permit condition. The violation is based on the following:

1. Respondent owns and operates a stationary nonwoven fabrics manufacturing source with Plant ID No. 091-00083 located at 110 Menke Road in Michigan City, LaPorte County, Indiana (the "Site").
2. Pursuant to Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit No. 091-36566-00083 ("Permit"), Condition C.18, Respondent shall submit the Quarterly Deviation and Compliance Monitoring Report or its equivalent not later than thirty (30) days after the end of the reporting period.

Respondent failed to timely submit the 2025 First Quarterly Deviation and Compliance Monitoring Report, in violation of Permit Condition C.18.

In accordance with IC 13-30-3-3, the Commissioner herein provides notice that a violation may exist and offers an opportunity to enter into an Agreed Order providing for the actions required to correct the violation and for the payment of a civil penalty for the violation. The Commissioner is not required to extend this offer for more than sixty (60) days. An Agreed Order for your consideration is attached. As noted on the attached Agreed Order, it is a qualified offer of settlement of this matter and, therefore, is inadmissible pursuant to Indiana's Rules of Evidence.

As provided in IC 13-30-3-3, an alleged violator may enter into an Agreed Order without admitting that the violation occurred. IDEM encourages settlement by Agreed Order to quickly correct environmental violations and to avoid litigation.

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If the Agreed Order is not entered into within sixty (60) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation, the Commissioner may proceed with additional enforcement action requiring compliance with environmental permit conditions and may seek additional monetary penalties in accordance with IDEM's Civil Penalty Policy (ID No. Enforcement 99-0002-NPD). Pursuant to IC 13-30-4-1, the Commissioner may assess penalties of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation.

Please contact Eric Ross, Case Manager, of my staff at 317-489-9729 or EMRoss@idem.in.gov if you have any questions.

For the Commissioner:



Date: 7-16-25

Janusz Johnson, Chief
Compliance and Enforcement Branch
Office of Air Quality

cc: LaPorte County Health Department
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From: [John Ruskowski](#)
To: [ROBERTS, GOLDIE](#)
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Subject: Fiber Bond Corporation (#30924-A) Notice of Violation & Proposed Agreed Order

Please find attached a PDF copy of the Cover Letter, Notice of Violation and Proposed Agreed Order issued for Fiber Bond Corporation, LaPorte County, IN – Air Enforcement Case #2025-30924-A sent today via Certified Mail.

Please contact Eric Ross, Case Manager at (317) 489-9729 or EMRoss@idem.in.gov with any questions.

Best regards,

Goldie Roberts
Administrative Assistant
IDEM - Office of Air Quality

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