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Re: Notice of Violation
Great Lakes Stevedoring LLC dba Metro Ports
Plant ID No. 127-00156
Portage, Porter County
Case No. 2025-30708-A

Dear Mr. Owens:

This is to advise that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has conducted an investigation of Great Lakes Stevedoring dba MetroPorts located at 115 Steel Drive in Portage, Porter County, Indiana. As a result of information obtained during that investigation, IDEM has made a preliminary determination that violations of environmental rules exist. Pursuant to IC 13-30-3-3, enclosed please find a Notice of Violation that sets forth the alleged violations.

You may request a settlement conference to discuss the allegations and the actions necessary to correct and resolve the violations, which may include injunctive relief and the establishment of a compliance schedule.

Please contact me at (317) 234-3996 or jbailey2@idem.in.gov if you have any questions or if you wish to request a settlement conference.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bailey
Technical Environmental Specialist
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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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Pursuant to Indiana Code ("IC") 13-30-3-3, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management ("IDEM") issues this Notice of Violation. Based on an investigation including an inspection conducted on February 8, 2023 by an IDEM representative, IDEM has reason to believe Great Lakes Stevedoring LLC dba Metro Ports ("Respondent") violated environmental rules. The violations are based on the following:

1. Respondent is Great Lakes Stevedoring LLC dba Metro Ports, which owns and operates the stationary bulk products truck, rail and vessel unloading terminal with Plant ID No. 127-00156, located at 115 Steel Drive, in Portage, Porter County, Indiana ("Site").
2. Pursuant to 326 IAC 2-5.1-3, prior to commencing construction of emission units which have potential emissions of twenty-five (25) tons or more per year of any of the regulated pollutants specified in 326 IAC 2-5.1-3(a)(1)(E)(i) through 326 IAC 2-5.1-3(a)(1)(E)(viii), the source shall apply for and obtain a construction permit.

Pursuant to 326 IAC 2-7-2(a), any major source is required to obtain a permit prior to the operation of equipment that produces regulated emissions.

Pursuant to 326 IAC 2-4.1-1, any owner or operator who constructs or reconstructs a major source of hazardous air pollutants (HAP), as defined in 40 CFR 63.41, after July 27, 1997, including owners or operators with permit applications pending with the department on the effective date of this section, shall comply with the requirements of this section, except as specifically specified in this rule.

Respondent constructed and operated a source capable of producing major source level pollutants prior to obtaining a major source permit, in violation of 326 IAC 2-5.1-3, 326 IAC 2-7-2(a), and 326 IAC 2-4.1-1.

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Pursuant to IC 13-30-3-3, the Commissioner herein provides notice that the violations may exist and offers an opportunity to enter into an Agreed Order providing for the actions required to correct the violations and, as necessary and appropriate, for the payment of a civil penalty. The Commissioner is not required to extend this offer for more than sixty (60) days.

Pursuant to IC 13-30-3-3, an alleged violator may enter into an Agreed Order without admitting the violations occurred. IDEM encourages settlement by Agreed Order, thereby resulting in quicker correction of the environmental violations and avoidance of extensive litigation. Timely settlement by Agreed Order may result in a reduced civil penalty. Also, settlement discussions will allow Respondent the opportunity to present any mitigating factors that may be relevant to the violations.

If an Agreed Order is not entered into within sixty (60) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation, the Commissioner may issue a Notice and Order under IC 13-30-3-4 containing the actions that must be taken to correct the violations and requiring the payment of an appropriate civil penalty. Pursuant to IC 13-30-4-1, the Commissioner may assess penalties of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation.

Please contact Jennifer Bailey at (317) 234-3996 or jbailey2@idem.in.gov within fifteen (15) days after receipt of this Notice to discuss resolution of this matter.

For the Commissioner:



Date: 12-18-25

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