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May 23, 2017

CERTIFIED MAIL: 7010 1670 0000 1401 4884

Mr. Joe Harrell, Corp. EHS Mgr.
Enviva Pellets Amory LLC
142 N C Route 561 East
Ahoskie, NC 27910

Re: Notice of Violation
Enviva Pellets Amory LLC
Amory, Mississippi
Monroe County
Air-Title V Operating Permit No. 1840-00082

Dear Mr. Harrell:

Our office has received multiple complaints over the past year pertaining to sawdust and smoke leaving the above referenced facility impacting neighboring properties and vehicles. It has also been stated that the dust and smoke is causing respiratory problems for some of the citizens in the area.

As a result of these complaints, our Regional Office inspectors have been on site to investigate, and I was in contact with Enviva personnel to discuss the means by which the facility decided would prevent or minimize the dust that leaves the site. The controls and operating procedures put in place as a result of our conversations are proving to be insufficient in preventing further contamination of the surrounding properties and problems for the citizens. An inspector was on site as recent as April 6, 2017 to investigate additional complaints received in March and April, 2017. While our inspector was on site, he spoke with Mr. Paul Pigg and Davis Lovelace, both personnel of Enviva about potential dust and smoke areas of concern. Since the April 6th investigation, we have continued to receive similar complaints. Based upon our findings during the investigations, we hereby cite the following alleged violations:

- Failure to prevent materials, particularly sawdust and smoke, in unnecessary amounts from leaving the site.

Agency Interest No. 24301
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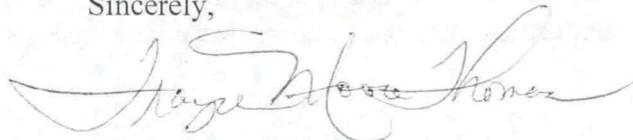
No person shall cause, permit, or allow the emission of particles or any contaminants in sufficient amounts or of such duration from any process as to be injurious to humans, animals, plants, or property, or to be a public nuisance, or create a condition of air pollution.

- (1) No person shall cause or permit the handling or transporting or storage of any material in a manner which allows or may allow unnecessary amounts of particulate matter to become airborne.
- (2) When dust, fumes, gases, mist, odorous matter, vapors, or any combination thereof escape from a building or equipment in such a manner and amount as to cause a nuisance to property other than that from which it originated or to violate any other provision of this regulation, the Commission may order such corrected in a way that all air and gases or air and gasborne material leaving the building or equipment are controlled or removed prior to discharge to the open air. (*Ref: Title V Operating Permit No. 1840-00082, Item 3.B.6 and 11 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2, R.1.3.C.(1 & 2)*)

We request that you respond to these alleged violations no later than **June 9, 2017**. We will review the information submitted before determining if further action is warranted. Failure to submit a response to this request may result in enforcement action.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (601) 961-5793.

Sincerely,



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Subject: RE: Enviva Amory MS Facility

Dear all,

This email intent is just to notify that the weather today has duplicated the conditions we continue to have issues with. I have contacted our regional DEQ rep per his request. I know the entire town is experiencing this as I have had many complaints of smoke and saw dust as we are preparing for the annual railroad festival. This email is just for documentation, I will continue to send these as record of the problems as they occur. Our shop is filled with smoke and lose flying saw dust that continues to cause health and safety risk for my workers as well as in the open air around the area.

Best Regards,

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Good day Mr. McCulloch,

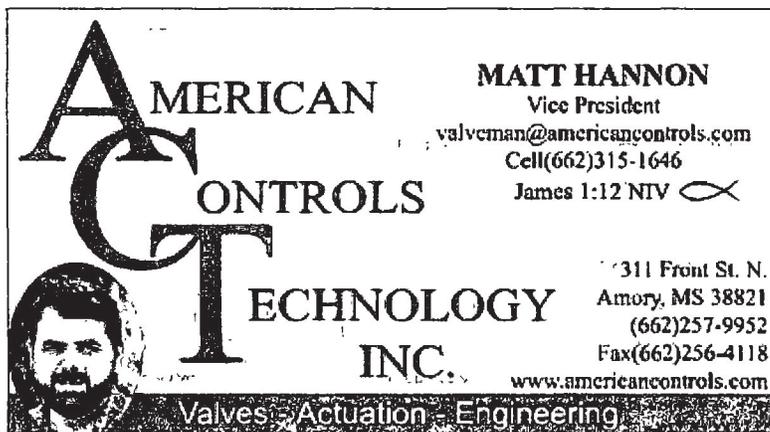
Thank you for your time on the phone Tuesday regarding our ongoing issues here with the Amory Enviva facility impacting our business and health. I have a link below to a Dropbox folder that contains stills and video of the issues we have experienced for many years. Some of the photos are from Google Earth and reference the date taken from satellite imagery and you can see the condition of our roof deteriorate as the plant increased its production over time to the point of having to replace our entire roof in 2015 as it expedited the rusting process with the saw dust and smoke that is air borne combined with rain water to form acid rain. Also notice the buildings surround had the same effect from year 2012 -2013. The brunt of the major affect is driven by the weather behavior and seems to coincide with days the facility is not functioning as to spec by MDEQ and operating efficiently. We just want a fair approach to this matter especially on days where the weather is pushing this material into our facility and affecting the health and safety of my

workers. Please feel free to contact myself, the Amory Mayor Mr. Brad Blalock @ 662-256-5635, the Amory City Attorney Mr. John Creekmore @ 662-256-8208 or Mr. Tim Aultman with Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality @ 601-961-5653 as they are all aware from myself as well as MANY other individuals in the community who are ready to speak to you and voice their experiences and issues it has physically caused to their facilities and health of the ongoing and growing issue. If you need others in the community to hear from I can provide as many contacts as you would like or have them contact you directly. The photos and video do not do the issue justice as to the level of health danger on the days like we had on Tuesday when the plant manager came over and witnessed firsthand the direct affects and admitted the issue is real and needful of addressing. I am grateful for you working with us and look forward to your response and plan of action going forward.

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/k7n0manlsp19l8u/AACUt7v-PRrBDVVMx3z_239Za?dl=0

CC: Mr. Brad Blalock - Mayor
Mr. John Creekmore - Attorney
Mr. Tim Aultman - MDEQ
Mr. Zack McGonagil - Fire Chief

Best Regards,



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