

July 21, 2016

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

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Mr. Steve McCormick
Plant Superintendent
Erie Coke Corporation
P. O. Box 6180
Erie, PA 16512

Re: Erie Coke Corporation
City of Erie, Erie County
Title V Operating Permit No. 25-00029

Dear Mr. McCormick:

On June 23, 2016, the Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") received an email from Erie Coke Corporation discussing, in part, the installation of a fixed cover on the thionizer/absorber unit. With the installation of the fixed cover, all emissions from the thionizer/absorber unit are routed through a closed vent system to the boilers. A fixed cover is an air cleaning device as that term is defined in 25 Pa. Code §121.1 as an article, chemical, machine, equipment or other contrivance, the use of which may eliminate, reduce or control the emission of air contaminants into the atmosphere.

On July 13, 2016, the Department held a conference call with Erie Coke Corporation to discuss, in part, their Title V permit modification application and the installation of the fixed cover on the thionizer/absorber unit.

As a result of the July 13, 2016 conference call, the Department has determined the following violations at Erie Coke Corporation:

1. Erie Coke Corporation's installation of a fixed cover on the thionizer/absorber unit without Department approval constitutes a violation of 25 Pa. Code §127.11.
2. Erie Coke Corporation continues to operate the thionizer/absorber unit with the fixed cover without a permit constitutes a violation of 25 Pa. Code §127.443.

The Department strongly advised Erie Coke Corporation to submit a plan approval application for the installation of the fixed cover on the thionizer/absorber unit as soon as possible.

Any violation of the Air Pollution Control Act subjects a person to enforcement actions, including civil and criminal penalties. Each day the violation continues constitutes a separate offense.


This Notice of Violation is neither an order nor any other final action of the Department. It neither imposes nor waives any enforcement action available to the Department under any of its statutes. If the Department determines that an enforcement action is appropriate, you will be notified of the action.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 814-332-6970.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Fleet
Compliance Specialist
Air Quality Program

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