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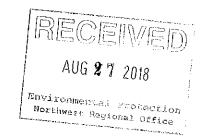
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August 23, 2018

## Certified Mail

Ms. Kimberly Fleet Compliance Specialist – Air Quality Program PA Department of Environmental Protection NW Regional Office 230 Chestnut Street Meadville, PA 16335



Dear Ms. Fleet:

Response to the Notice of Violation dated August 10, 2018 (NOV).

The Thionizer/Absorber unit is necessary to remove H2S from the Coke Oven Gas (COG) and requires routine cleaning and maintenance for effective and efficient operation. During the procedure, the COG bypasses the unit and gets burned. No raw gas is emitted.

Taking the unit out of service for cleaning is noted in the 8/9/2016 Thionizer Plan Approval Application. The estimated Thionizer/Absorber downtime totals about 7 days per year.

Erie Coke makes all efforts to reduce the unit downtime.

Please contact me if you have any questions with regard to this matter.

Sincerely

**Erie Coke Corporation** 

William H. Schneider Environmental Manager

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