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DIRECTOR

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Mr. Grant Trigger
Michigan Cleanup Manager
RACER Trust
2930 Ecorse Road
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Dear Mr. Trigger:

SUBJECT: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit MI0059042
Reduced Monitoring Revocation

There are concerns that the proposed lowering of the water levels in the Nodular ponds 4-6 feet below the bottom of the current discharge pipe may stir up sediments which could be discharged through the new lowered discharge pipe at outfall 021A.

In a letter sent on January 28, 2015, the Saginaw Bay District Supervisor granted the request for reduced monitoring of the discharges from the current discharge pipe at outfall 021A. The reduced monitoring became effective March 1, 2015. This reduced monitoring was based on the discharge through the current discharge pipe located near the surface of the pond. Lowering the pond an additional 4-6 feet below the level of the current discharge pipe would change the conditions for which reduced monitoring was granted. Since the water level will be lowered below the bottom of the current discharge pipe at outfall 021A and a discharge pipe will be installed at a lower water level, the approval for reduced monitoring is revoked per the permit requirements in MI0059042, Part I, Section A, 3.

The monitoring frequencies for outfall 021A revert back to the monitoring frequencies listed in MI0059042, Part I, Section A, 1.

If you have any questions regarding this authorization, please contact Mr. Keith Noble of this office at 989-385-4242.

Sincerely,

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Saginaw Bay District Supervisor

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