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Koppers Inc
Carbon Materials and Chemicals
L. Seth Herring, Plant Manager
3900 South Laramie Avenue
Cicero, IL 60804

**RE: Notice of Intent to Pursue Legal Action
Violation Notice A-2021-00217
I.D. 031300AAJ**

Dear Mr. Herring:

This Notice of Intent to Pursue Legal Action is provided pursuant to Section 31(b) of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act ("Act"), 415 ILCS 5/31(b)(2020).

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") is providing this notice to inform Koppers Inc of its intention to pursue legal action for the violations of environmental laws and regulations specified in Attachment A. This Notice of Intent to Pursue Legal Action provides Koppers Inc an opportunity to schedule a meeting with representatives of the Illinois EPA in an effort to resolve the violations prior to the filing of a formal complaint. If a meeting is requested, it must be held within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice unless an extension of time is agreed to by the Illinois EPA.

If you wish to schedule a meeting with representatives of the Illinois EPA or have any questions, please contact Maureen Wozniak, the attorney assigned to this matter at 217/524-3157, at the earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

Sally Carter
Acting Deputy General Counsel
Division of Legal Counsel

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT A

Based on available information:

VIOLATIONS:

1. Sections 9(a) and 9(b) of the Act, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 212.123(a), and condition 2(c) of construction permit 11100041: Koppers, Inc. caused or allowed smoke or other PM from Tube Heater #2 for Tar Distillation System #2, with an opacity greater than 30 percent as the result of a fire on December 26, 2020.
2. Section 9(b) of the Act and condition 4(c) of construction permit 11100041: Koppers, Inc. failed to operate and maintain Tar Distillation System #2 with Tube Heater #2 in accordance with written procedures to provide good air pollution control practices to minimize emissions.
3. Sections 9(a) and 39.5(6)(a) of the Act, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 212.123(a) and condition 5.2.2(b) of Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) permit 96030134: Koppers, Inc. caused or allowed smoke or other PM from Tar Distillation System #2, with an opacity greater than 30 percent as the result of a fire on March 20, 2021.
4. Section 39.5(6)(a) of the Act and condition 7.4.5(b) of CAAPP permit 96030134: Koppers, Inc. failed to follow good operating practices for the Tar Distillation System #2 and Tube Heater #2 resulting in fires with associated excess opacity on December 26, 2020, and March 20, 2021.

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