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A-F Acquisition, LLC dba Pullman Innovattions
Pete Rnich, Facility Manager
2701 E. 100th St.
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**RE: Notice of Intent to Pursue Legal Action
Violation Notice A-2025-00041
I.D. 031600FDK**

Dear Mr. Rnich:

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)(2022).

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") is providing this notice to inform A-F Acquisition, LLC dba Pullman Innovattions 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 A-F Acquisition, LLC dba Pullman Innovattions 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 217524-3157, or email at maureen.wozniak@illinois.gov at the earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

Maureen Wozniak
Deputy General Counsel
Division of Legal Counsel

Attachment

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ATTACHMENT A

Based on available information:

VIOLATIONS:

1. Section 9(a) of the Act and 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.141: A-F Acquisition, LLC dba Pullman Innovations (Pullman Innovations) caused or allowed the discharge of odorous emissions so as to cause or tend to cause air pollution.
2. Section 9(b) of the Act and Condition 5 of Lifetime Operating Permit (LOP) 86050044: Pullman Innovations failed to take appropriate and necessary actions to minimize odors, including but not limited to, changes in material or installation of controls, in order to eliminate the odor nuisance.
3. Section 9(b) of the Act and Condition 7(a) of LOP 86050044: Pullman Innovations failed to perform inspections and maintenance on the Caustic Scrubber such that it be kept in proper working condition and not cause a violation of the Environmental Protection Act or regulations promulgated therein.
4. Section 9(b) of the Act and Condition 7(b) of LOP 86050044: Pullman Innovations may have failed to operate the Caustic Scrubber at all times when the associated emissions units were in operation and emitting air contaminants.
5. Section 9(a) and 9(b) of the Act, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 218.301, and Condition 8 of LOP 86050044: Pullman Innovations may have caused or allowed the discharge of more than 8 lbs/hr of volatile organic material (VOM) into the atmosphere from its soapstock acidulation process.
6. Section 9(b) of the Act and 35 Ill Adm. Code 201.142: Pullman Innovations failed to timely obtain a construction permit prior to the construction of a 41.85 mm-BTU boiler associated with its soapstock acidulation process.
7. Section 9(b) of the Act and Condition 11 of LOP 86050044: Pullman Innovations failed to submit a report to the Illinois EPA, Bureau of Air, Compliance Section, within 30 days of deviations from LOP 86050044.

bcc: Wozniak
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