



August 10, 2018

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

**CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 91 7199 9991 7033 9652 1189**

Mr. Anthony Nearhoof  
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. Nearhoof:

On May 24, 2018, Erie Coke Corporation notified the Department of its plan to bypass the absorber and thionzier (Source ID C805A) for approximately 3 days to clean the units. Based on the information provided by Erie Coke Corporation, the H<sub>2</sub>S absorber and thionizer were not operating from May 21, 2018 to May 24, 2018. The Department has determined the following violations:

In accordance with TV Operating Permit No. 25-00029, Section D, Source 805 (Coke Oven Battery- Underfiring System), Condition #013, the permittee shall operate the control device at all times that the source is in operation.

The failure of Erie Coke Corporation to operate the H<sub>2</sub>S Absorber and thionizer at all times the source is in operation is a violation of 25 Pa. Code § 127.444.

Within 15 days from the date of this notice, the Department requests that you submit a written response to our office explaining what corrective actions you will take so this violation will not occur in the future.

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,

Handwritten signature of Kimberly Fleet in cursive script.

Kimberly Fleet  
Compliance Specialist  
Air Quality Program

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