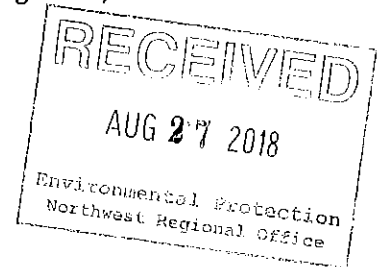




August 22, 2018

**Certified Mail**

Kimberly Fleet   
Compliance Specialist  
Air Quality Program  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection  
230 Chestnut Street  
Meadville, PA 16335

Dear Mrs. Fleet:

In response to the Notice of Violation (NOV) dated August 7, 2018, Erie Coke has reviewed the information listed below to try and determine the cause of the June 20, 2018 violation. Also listed below is our corrective actions plan to resolve any future violations of this nature. On June 20, 2018 during the time frame listed on the NOV, Erie Coke pushed oven 36 at 5:20 PM and oven 19 at 7:10 PM.

**Determination of Cause:**

- Erie Coke reviewed the flue temperatures, and cross wall temperatures of ovens 19 and 36 with all readings in the normal range.
- The coking time on both ovens (19 and 36) was at 27 hours.
- Conducted an interview with the Supervisors on duty, with no occurrence of any abnormal conditions during the time in question.
- Reviewed the Coke Side Shed Baghouse Log and all parameters were in the normal operating range.
- A visual inspection of the coke bed on the push and coke side was completed prior to the push with no indication of any problems.
- The wind was approximately 8 to 10 mph coming out of the east (Erie Airport Reading). The wind off of Lake Erie tends to be a lot stronger than reported.

**Conclusion:** After review of the above information and the numerous variables, Erie Coke was unable to determine the exact cause of the violation.

**Corrective Action Plan:**

- Monitored the ovens in question since the date of the Department's observation, and no abnormal emissions were identified.
- Repeat training on visual inspection of the coke bed prior to pushing.
- Continue to review the flue and cross wall temperatures to identify problems prior to a push.
- Continue the Battery Cleaning Procedures.

If any additional information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely  
Erie Coke Corporation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AN' with a stylized flourish.

Anthony Nearhoof  
Plant Superintendent