

November 7, 2022

Mr. Tim Hagan, President
Howco Environmental Services, Inc.
8473 43rd Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33711
(sent via email to: thagan@howcousa.com)

Re: Warning Letter AQE-22-00082– Howco Environmental Services, Air Permit No. 1030153-018-AO

Mr. Hagan:

Pursuant to Chapters 78-601 and 90-403, Laws of Florida, and the rules promulgated therein, which authorizes and empowers the Pinellas County Air Quality Division (PCAQD) to control, abate and prohibit pollution of the air in Pinellas County, Florida, you are hereby notified of findings which indicate that a violation of the Pinellas County Code has taken place as follows:

1. Pinellas County Code, Section 58-103. Permits Required

(b) No air pollution source may be constructed, modified or operated in the county in violation of any conditions specified on the permit, or certification authorizing the activity or as may be incorporated by reference within the conditions of the permit authorizing the activity. Violation of any such permit or certification condition is a violation of this article.

Air Permit No. 1030153-018-AO, Section 2.

9. Objectionable Odor: The permittee shall not cause, suffer, allow or permit the discharge of air pollutants, which cause or contribute to an objectionable odor. An objectionable odor is any odor present in the outdoor atmosphere which by itself or in combination with other odors, is or may be harmful or injurious to human health or welfare, which unreasonably interferes with the comfortable use and enjoyment of life or property, or which creates a nuisance. [Rules 62-296.320(2) and 62-210.200(Objectionable Odor), F.A.C.; Pinellas County Code, Section 58-178]

Specifically, an objectionable odor was observed during a complaint inspection conducted on October 18, 2022. The odor appeared to be coming from the air stripper exhaust.

Based on the facts stated above, and on the results of an October 18, 2022 inspection at Howco Environmental Services, located at 8473 43rd Street South, St. Petersburg, this serves as a Warning Letter.

Written Response Required Within 10 Days

A satisfactory written response, within ten (10) calendar days of receiving this Warning Letter, will resolve this matter under Chapter 58 of the Pinellas County Code. Indicate the precise cause of each violation cited above. **Include a timetable of actions that have been or will be taken to prevent future occurrences of the violation cited.**

Potential Enforcement Action

Operation of a source in violation of Pinellas County Code, Chapter 58, may result in liability for damage and restoration and judicial imposition of a civil penalty up to a maximum of \$10,000 per violation, per day, pursuant to chapters 78-601 and 90-403, Laws of Florida. Continuation of activities in violation of existing regulations can result in fines being levied for each and every day a violation takes place. Violations may be resolved through entry into a Consent Order or formal enforcement action.

Failure to respond to this notice, or comply within the specified time frames, may result in commencement of civil, administrative or criminal action for injunctive relief and the assessment of civil and/or criminal penalties as provided by this Code, and the Florida Statutes. Also, the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, reserves the right to take enforcement actions related to the potential violation cited above.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Cari Burchfield at (727) 464-4422.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sheila E. Schneider". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sheila" being more prominent.

Sheila E. Schneider, MSCM
Air Quality Division Manager

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