

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

**April 16, 2021**

**CERTIFIED MAIL - 9489 0090 0027 6047 5264 79**

Mr. Patrick McQuillen, President  
Servsteel Inc.  
214 Westbridge Drive  
Morgan, PA 15064

**RE: Notice of Violation #210401**– Violations of Installation Permit 0297 Conditions V.B.1.a and V.B.6 and Article XXI (“Air Pollution Control”), §2102.04.b.6; at property 214 Westbridge Drive, Morgan, PA 15064.

Dear Mr. McQuillen:

On August 27, 2020, an ACHD representative conducted an onsite inspection at the Servsteel facility. During this inspection, the inspector observed a basket containing refractory materials which had recently been removed from the autoclave, where they had been impregnated with pitch, being placed inside one of the two kilns present onsite. The kiln was identified as Kiln #2, ID RP-001 in Operating Permit #0297. The observer noted the time of charging impregnated refractory into Kiln #2 at approximately 1:15 PM. The observer recorded the following exit temperatures from the temperature readout located on the wall adjacent to Kiln #2 and afterburner C004 which controls emissions from Kiln #2:

Time of reading	Temperature (°F)
1:31 PM	1,291
1:36 PM	1,321

More than 20 minutes into the cycle, the temperature was below the required 1,500°F.



DEBRA BOGEN, MD, DIRECTOR  
**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
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The above condition is a violation of Operating Permit 0297 Conditions V.B.1.a and V.B.6. Condition V.B.1.a states:

- a. The Department has determined the following BACT for the kilns (RP-001, RP-002): (§2102.04.b.6, §2105.30.b)
  - (1) The afterburners controlling kiln #1 (RP-001) and kiln #2 (RP-002) shall in be operation at all times the kilns are in operation.
  - (2) The exit temperature of each afterburner shall be maintained at 1500°F or higher.

Condition V.B.6 states:

The afterburner temperature shall be at least 1500°F prior to use of the kiln.  
(§2102.04.b.6)

The Department requests that Servsteel contact the Department to discuss the alleged violation and corrective action.

**This Notice of Violation is neither an order nor any other final action of the Allegheny County Health 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. Please be aware that any violation of the Article XXI regulations subjects a person to a variety of enforcement actions, including a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per violation per day.**

Please contact the ACHD within **14 days** of receipt of this notice to schedule a meeting to discuss this Notice of Violation. A meeting may be scheduled by contacting Shannon Sandberg at (412) 578-7969 or emailing at [shannon.sandberg@alleghenycounty.us](mailto:shannon.sandberg@alleghenycounty.us). If a meeting is not requested, the ACHD may proceed with further enforcement action.

If you believe any of the facts in this Notice of Violation are in error, you may submit information to Ms. Sandberg via email or at the address shown at the bottom of the first page of this letter. The ACHD will consider new information you submit and take appropriate action. Thank you for your anticipated prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Shannon Sandberg  
Enforcement Section Chief  
Air Quality Program

cc: File