

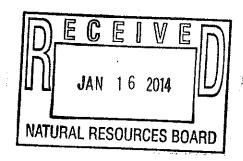
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KEVIN J. HARRISON, President JAMES A. HARRISON, Vice President JANET A. HARRISON, Vice President

December 23, 2013

RE: Reissuance of civil citation 13EC00925

TO: Aaron J. Brondyke From: James A. Harrison



Mr. Brondyke:

Let me introduce myself as the founder and still active member of the Harrison companies located in Georgia, Vermont. As noted by your first and second issuance of the proposed citation. I would like for you to consider my input on this subject.

Violation description – issuance #1 "repeated operating beyond permitted hours of operation" 21 occurrences between 4/30 and 6/21/2013. Issuance #2 – "operating and cleaning mixer trucks and other construction vehicles on the premises outside of permitted hours of operation.

It is our contention that basically there are three distinct and separate procedures that take place with any ready mix concrete plant operation (and actually with most any business that sells and delivers a product).

- 1) First and foremost we have the operation of the plant which entails the loading and shipping of our concrete product. We contend that this is our hours of operation.
- 2) Stocking of the shelves. As in most any business (such as but not limited to the local gas stations, stores at the mall, etc. We all have to take deliveries of products to re-stock and get ready for the next business day. This sounds simple, but it is needed for most any business to operate. These deliveries of incoming supplies come from various parts of the east coast and Canada. We do try and get most all deliveries incoming to happen during our business hours but occasionally with all that can impact on schedules we may have an incoming happen outside the 6:00 to 6:00 operating hours. We feel this is an aspect of most any business that operates.
- 3) Maintenance of equipment and site. From the issuance of the NRB citation it would appear that it is the board's contention that there can be "no activity" by Harrison personnel outside of the 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. hours of operation. Really?? Again really? So, it appears no cleaning of trucks, etc. no stocking of shelves after these hours? Really?? So apparently according to your issuance, no re-fueling of trucks to ready for next day's operation, no shop work to repair mixer trucks, no snow plowing, no garbage pickup by our rubbish contractor outside of the operating hours of operation of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Really?? Really??

It is also our contention that the concrete ready mix operation and delivery of this product is very unique in itself due to the shortness of the "shelf life" that is being delivered and also the fact that concrete placements cannot be stopped and started at will but only according to the engineered plan that is relative to each individual job (please note the enclosed letter from the state of Vermont testing lab personnel alluding to concrete placements and not being able to stop a placement only when a



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certain portion is complete). This pertains to most any concrete placement and not just the state of Vermont projects.

It is our contention that "hours of operation" pertain to the loading and shipping of the concrete product. Jobs that are started need to be finished. The cleaning of trucks, stocking of the shelves, etc. (as in any other type of business) maintaining of the grounds, etc. are not to be construed to be tasks that need to happen during the above mentioned "hours of operation".

Please take my above thoughts and information into advisement regarding your proposed citation going forward.

Thank you, Jim Harrison



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November 13, 2013

Ben Drury Harrison Redi-Mix P.O. Box 2098 Georgia VT 05468

RE: Completion of concrete placement once started

## Dear Mr. Drury:

This letter is in response to our phone conversation on November 12, 2013 regarding your inquiry about suspension of concrete placement. You asked if a concrete placement is started for the Vermont Agency of Transportation, must the placement be completed during that operation.

To answer your question, yes. Once a concrete placement is started, it shall be completed unless impossible to do so because of some sort of emergency or mechanical breakdown. The Vermont Agency of Transportation 2011 Standard Specifications for Construction, section 501.10 (c) page 5-41 states:

"The rate of placing the concrete shall be so regulated that no excessive stresses are placed on the forms. Concrete in all slabs, decks, girders, or ribs of arches shall be placed in one continuous operation, unless otherwise specified.

Concrete shall be placed in continuous horizontal layers, the thickness of which shall not exceed 450 mm (18 inches), unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. Each succeeding layer shall be placed before the underlying layer has taken initial set and shall be consolidated in a manner that will eliminate any line of separation between the layers. When it is necessary, by reason of any emergency, to place less than a complete horizontal layer at one operation, such layer shall terminate in a vertical bulkhead."

The contingent language unless otherwise specified is not intended to authorize suspension of work and creation of a "cold" joint. It is targeted to addressing very large pours or special circumstances in design. Hopefully this answers your question satisfactorily. If you have any further questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me, Jim Wild, at (802) 828-6931. Thank you.



Sincerely,

James Wild, E.I. Composite Materials Engineer

## Enclosures

Jim Wild, Composite Materials Engineer Jeremy Reed, Construction Structures Engineer C;



# **NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD**

Dewey Building National Life Drive Montpelier, Vermont 05620-3201

November 5, 2013

Harrison Concrete PO Box 2090 Georgia, VT 05468



Re: Issuance of Civil Citátion

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to notify you that pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §8019, the Natural Resources Board (Board) intends to issue you a Civil Citation. A proposed citation is attached and requires no action at this time.

In accordance with 10 V.S.A. §8020, a copy of the proposed citation will be posted on the Board's website for the 30-day public notice and comment period. At the conclusion of the 30-day period, the Board will evaluate the proposed citation pursuant to any written comments received, and either issue, modify, or withdraw it. If a citation is issued, it will include the instructions for pleading and information about the citation process that are provided on page 2 of the attached proposed citation.

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Sincerely,

Aaron I. Brondyke

Act 250 Permit Compliance Officer

Enclosure

cc (via email):

Peter Gill, Associate General Counsel Natural Resources Board

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# Natural Resources Board Civil Citation - 10 V.S.A. §8019

Respondent Full Name or Organization Name: Harrison Con	crete Citation Number: 13EC00925	
Respondent Current Mailing Address: PO Box 2098	VC: NR116	
	le: 05468	
Home Phone: Business Phone: 802-849-6688	B Date of Birth: / / M 🔲 F 🗍	
Respondent did commit the following acts in violation of Vermont Law, Statute, Rule, or Permit:		
Violation Citation: De minimis violation of an A 250 Land Use Permit Violation Description: Respondent failed to abide by condition 10 of Land Use Permit 6F0533-2 by repeatedly operating beyond permitted hours of operation Location of Violation: Georgia  Date Violation Observed/Occurred: 21 occurrences between 4/30 and 6/21/2013		
Penalties: If you plead ADMITTED or NO CONTEST, you may pay the waiver amount instead of appearing in court. If you plead DENIED and the State proves the violation, the penalty must be within the penalty range plus any court costs.  Penalty Amounts: Minimum \$300 Maximum \$1500  Assessed \$1200 Waiver Amount \$900		
Delivered to (Resp., Reg. Agent, or Corp. Officer):		
Date Served: 0/0/2013 By Hand U.S. Mail	Investigator's Dept.: ANR 🔲 NRB 🔀	
Issuing Investigator Printed Name: Aaron J. Brondyke Investigator's Signature:		
Public Notice & Opportunity to Comment:		
I certify that a draft of this civil citation has been posted for public notice and written comment for a period of 30 days		
Comments were received and are attached No comments were received		
Service Members Civil Relief Act Affidavit: Under oath, I state Respondent is NOT on active duty in the U.S. armed forces		
because: Respondent is under 17 years of age [ Respondent is a Business [		
Respondent said he/she is not on active duty in the U.S. Junied forces Other:		
Issuing Investigator Printed Name: Aaron J. Brondyke Investigator's Signature:		
Subscribed and sworn before me, Notary:	Date: / /	
State of Vermont, County:	My Commission Expires: / /	
Respondent's Plea to this Civil Citation		
Mark ("X") your plea: Admitted N	o Contest Denied D	
Respondent or Corporate Officer Signature:	Date:	
Current Mailing Address:		
City/Town:	State:Zip Code:	
Home Phone	Business Phone	

Deliver your plea in person or by mail to: Vermont Superior Court Environmental Division 2418 Airport Road, Suite 1 Berlin, VT 05641-8701



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### BACKGROUND

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### APPEARANCE BY THIRD PARTIES

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## Vermont Superior Court Environmental Division

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## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

Dewey Building National Life Drive Montpelier, Vermont 05620-3201

December 19, 2013

Harrison Concrete PO Box 2090 Georgia, VT 05468 #2

Re: Reissuance of Civil Citation 13EC00925

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to notify you that pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §8019, the Natural Resources Board (Board) intends to reissue this Civil Citation. A proposed citation is attached and requires no action at this time.

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