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July 20, 2022

Mr. Aleek Young, General Manager
CSX Transportation, Inc. – Curtis Bay Piers
1090 Benhill Ave
Baltimore, MD 21226

RE: Notice of Violation – December 30, 2021 Curtis Bay Terminal Coal Explosion

Dear Mr. Young,

Enclosed please find a Notice of Violation (NOV) for violations of the Maryland Air Quality Act, Maryland Code, Environment Article, §2-101 et seq. The NOV is being issued in regard to the December 30, 2021 North Reclaim Tunnel coal explosion at CSX's Curtis Bay Terminal.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Lang".

Steven Lang, Division Chief
Air Quality Compliance Program
Maryland Department of the Environment

cc: R. Hensley, CSX-Environmental Programs
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**State of Maryland
Department of the Environment**

Air and Radiation Administration
1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 715
Baltimore, MD 21230-1720

**Notice of Violation
of Air Pollution Regulations**

Date of Notice: July 20, 2022

Name of Responsible Person or Company: CSX Transportation Inc. – Curtis Bay Piers

Attention: Mr. Aleek Young, General Manager

Address: 1090 Benhill Ave Baltimore, MD 21226

County: Baltimore City

You are hereby notified that you have been observed to violate the Air Pollution Control Regulations of the State of Maryland.

The specific regulations violated are COMAR 26.11.02.05, COMAR 26.11.06.02C(2), COMAR 26.11.06.03,
COMAR 26.11.06.08, **and** COMAR 26.11.06.09. **The circumstances are as follows:**

Date and Time of Occurrence: December 30, 2021 at 11:24 a.m. EST

Source of Pollution: North Reclaim Tunnel of the Curtis Bay coal terminal

Description of Violation: CSX did violate or cause to be violated terms or conditions of a permit issued under COMAR 26.11.03. CSX did cause or permit the discharge of emissions from an installation which was visible to human observers. CSX did cause or permit emissions without taking reasonable precautions to prevent particulate matter from becoming airborne. CSX did operate or maintain an installation or premise that resulted in the discharge of emissions into the atmosphere in such a manner that a nuisance or air pollution was created. CSX did cause or permit the discharge of unpermitted emissions, including CO₂, CO, NO_x, VOC, and SO₂ into the atmosphere.

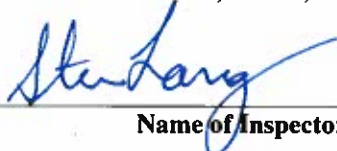
Description of Weather: Cloudy – Light precipitation Temperature- approximately 50 °F

Estimated Wind Speed: Light - Approximately 3 **mph; Direction:** Easterly

Comments: On December 30, 2021 at 11:24 a.m. EST a coal explosion occurred in the North Reclaim Tunnel of the CSX - Curtis Bay Terminal that resulted in the above cited violations.

You should take steps to prevent recurrence of this situation. Violations of the Maryland Air Quality Act, Maryland Code, Environment Article, §2-101 et seq., and the regulations adopted under the Act are subject to civil penalties of up to \$25,000 for each day of violation and to criminal penalties. See Environment Article, Title 2, Subtitle 6.

If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact me.



Steven Lang

Name of Inspector

443-695-7437

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