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<b>Facility Information</b>	
Name	Pyramid Paving & Contracting Co.
Street Address	1503 Pine Street
City, County	Essexville, Bay County

<b>Facility Permit Information</b>	
State Registration No.:	B1485
Permit to Install No.:	185-17

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FOR THE VERIFICATION OF  
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PYRAMID PAVING & CONTRACTING CO  
ESSEXVILLE, MICHIGAN

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**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Pyramid Paving & Contracting Co (Pyramid) has received a Permit to install for modification of its hot mix asphalt (HMA) manufacturing processes located in Essexville, Bay County, Michigan (State Registration No. B1485).

The Testing / Sampling conditions of the issued Permit to Install (PTI 185-17) specify that:

*Within 60 days after achieving the maximum production rate, but not later than 180 days after commencement of trial operation, federal Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources require verification of particulate emission rates from EUHMAPLANT, by testing at owner's expense, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 60 Subparts A and I ... No less than 30 days prior to testing, a complete test plan shall be submitted to the AQD.*

The emission testing was performed July 31, 2018 by Derenzo Environmental Services (DES) personnel Tyler Wilson, Brad Thome, and Tom Andrews. Mr. Tom Gasloli and Ms. Gina McCann from the MDEQ-AQD were on-site to observe portions of the compliance testing.

A test protocol was submitted to MDEQ-AQD prior to the testing project and a test plan approval letter was issued by MDEQ-AQD. The following items provide information required in MDEQ-AQD *Format for Submittal of Source Emission Test Plans and Reports*, dated March 2018.

Appendix A provides a copy of the USEPA test plan approval letter.

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This test report was prepared by Derenzo Environmental Services based on the field sampling data collected by DES. Certain analyses were contracted to and performed by third parties and the results are presented in this report and its appendices. Facility process data was collected and provided by Pyramid employees or representatives.

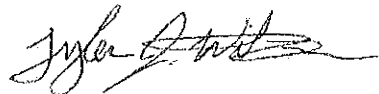
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**2.0 SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS**

The exhaust gases from the HMA production process (emission unit EUHMAPLANT) were sampled for filterable PM content and emission rate using a USEPA Method 5 sampling train. Exhaust gas opacity observations were performed on the emission unit exhaust (EUHMAPLANT) using USEPA Method 9.

The PM emission test data were reduced to grains PM per dry standard cubic foot (gr/dscf) of exhaust gas for comparison to the allowable emission limits specified in PTI No. 185-17.

Table 2.1 presents a summary of measured particulate matter emission rates and visual emission opacity readings for the process.

Test results for each one-hour sampling period are presented at the end of this report in Section 6.0 and Tables 6.1 and 6.2.

Table 2.1 Summary of measured particulate matter emission rates and exhaust plume opacity for EUHMAPLANT

Emission Unit	PM Mass Emission Rate (lb/hr)	Exhaust Gas PM Content (gr/dscf)	6-Minute Avg Opacity (%)
EUHMAPLANT	1.15	0.01	0.0
<b>Permit Limit / Standard</b>		<b>0.04</b>	<b>20</b>

**3.0 SOURCE DESCRIPTION**

**3.1 General Process Description and Type of Raw and Finished Materials**

The HMA process combines aggregate with a liquid asphalt cement mixture using a counter-flow, direct-fired rotary drum. The drum is permitted to be fired with natural gas.

The counter-flow dryer/mixer has a maximum design production rating of 400 tons per hour (TPH). However, the facility operated at a production rate of approximately 200 TPH.

The process produces HMA material by combining aggregate and liquid asphalt cement in a horizontal, rotating counter-flow drum. Aggregate is introduced into the drum opposite the burner end and moves towards the burner end in counter-flow with the hot gases of combustion.

Liquid asphalt cement is introduced into the mixing zone of the drum (located behind the burner flame zone) and the finished HMA material is discharged from the drum and conveyed to storage/loadout silos.

PTI 185-17 specifies that the asphalt mixture may contain up to 35% recycled asphalt pavement (RAP).

### **3.2 Emission Control System Description**

Exhaust gas from the dryer/mixer is directed to a particulate matter emission control system consisting of a primary collector and baghouse.

The filtered process air from the baghouse is exhausted through a vertical stack to the atmosphere (EUHMAPLANT).

### **3.3 Operating Variables**

A test plan approval letter dated July 10, 2018 requested that Pyramid monitor and record the following process operational data during each test period:

- Aggregate processed (TPH);
- RAP processed (TPH);
- Asphalt cement processed (TPH);
- Total HMA processed (TPH);
- Fuel type and usage rate;
- HMA discharge temperature;
- Baghouse inlet temperature and pressure drop;
- Frequency of filter fabric cleaning cycle;
- Damper position (% open); and
- Burner position (% open).

Appendix B provides process and control device operating records for the test periods.

### **3.4 Sampling Location**

Filtered exhaust gas is discharged to the ambient air through a rectangular 42-inch by 58-inch exhaust stack (EUHMAPLANT). Four (4) sample ports were installed that were 38 ft. (456 in.) downstream and 16 ft. (192 in.) upstream from the nearest flow disturbance. Exhaust gas was sampled from three (3) points across each port for a total of 12 sampling points.

Appendix C provides a drawing for the exhaust stack sampling location.

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#### 4.0 SUMMARY OF USEPA TEST METHODS

The following USEPA reference test methods and sampling trains were used to perform the emission compliance testing.

##### 4.1 Exhaust Gas Flowrate and Particulate Matter Sampling Methods

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| USEPA Method 1  | Velocity and sampling locations were selected based on physical stack measurements in accordance with USEPA Method 1.   |
| USEPA Method 2  | Exhaust gas velocity pressure and temperature using a Type-S Pitot tube connected to a red oil incline manometer and K-type thermocouple.                             |
| USEPA Method 3A | Exhaust gas O <sub>2</sub> and CO <sub>2</sub> content was determined using paramagnetic and infrared instrumental analyzers, respectively.                           |
| USEPA Method 4  | Exhaust gas moisture determined using the chilled impinger method (as part of the particulate sampling train).  |
| USEPA Method 5  | Filterable PM was determined using isokinetic sampling procedures and analysis of the front half of the particulate matter sampling train (filter and acetone rinse). |
| USEPA Method 9  | Exhaust gas opacity during each sampling period was determined by a certified observer of visible emissions.  |

#### 5.0 SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS PROCEDURES

Testing was performed to verify filterable PM emission rates and opacity from the hot mix asphalt mix/dryer drum. The exhaust gas existing the baghouse was sampled for three (3) one-hour test periods using isokinetic sampling methods. Filterable PM emissions were determined based on the amount of filterable PM catch in the sample train and the measured exhaust gas volumetric flowrate.

##### 5.1 Velocity Measurements (USEPA Methods 1 and 2)

The representative sample locations were determined in accordance with USEPA Method 1 based on the measured distance to upstream and downstream disturbances. The absence of significant cyclonic flow was determined at each sampling location.

Exhaust gas velocity was measured using USEPA Method 2 throughout each test period as part of the isokinetic sampling procedures. Velocity pressure measurements were performed at each

stack traverse point using an S-type Pitot tube and red-oil manometer. Temperature measurements were performed at each traverse point using a K-type thermocouple and a calibrated digital thermometer.

Prior to performing the initial velocity traverse, the S-type Pitot tube and manometer lines were leak-checked at the test site. These checks were made by blowing into the impact opening of the Pitot tube until 3 or more inches of water were recorded on the manometer, then capping the impact opening and holding it closed for 15 seconds to ensure that it was leak free. The static pressure side of the Pitot tube was leak-checked using the same procedure.

## **5.2 Diluent Gas Sampling Procedures (USEPA Method 3A)**

CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> content in the exhaust gas stream was measured continuously throughout each test period in accordance with USEPA Method 3A. The exhaust gas CO<sub>2</sub> content was monitored using a Servomex 1440D single beam single wavelength (SBSW) infrared gas analyzer. The exhaust gas O<sub>2</sub> content was monitored using a paramagnetic sensor within the Servomex 1440D gas analyzer.

During each sampling period, a continuous sample of the exhaust gas stream was extracted from the stack using a stainless steel probe connected to a Teflon® heated sample line. The sampled gas was conditioned by removing moisture prior to being introduced to the analyzers; therefore, measurement of O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations correspond to standard dry gas conditions. Instrument response data were recorded using an ESC Model 8816 data acquisition system that monitored the analog output of the instrumental analyzers continuously and logged data as one-minute averages.

Prior to, and at the conclusion of each test, the instruments were calibrated using upscale calibration and zero gas to determine analyzer calibration error and system bias (described in Section 5.7 of this document). Sampling times were recorded on field data sheets.

## **5.3 Moisture Determination (USEPA Method 4)**

Moisture content was measured concurrently with the particulate matter sampling trains and determined in accordance with USEPA Method 4. Moisture from the gas sample was removed by the chilled impingers of the isokinetic sampling train. The net moisture gain from the gas sample was determined by either volumetric or gravimetric analytical techniques in the field. Percent moisture was calculated based on the measured net gain from the impingers and the metered gas sample volume of dry air.

#### **5.4 Particulate Matter Sampling Procedures (USEPA Method 5)**

Filterable PM was determined using USEPA Method 5. Exhaust gas was withdrawn from the emission unit exhaust stack at an isokinetic sampling rate using an appropriately-sized stainless steel sample nozzle and heated probe. The collected exhaust gas was passed through a pre-tared glass fiber filter that was housed in a heated filter box. The heated filter box was connected directly to the PM impinger train.

Recovered filters and acetone rinses of the nozzle, filter holder, and sample probe were sent to Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. (Novi, Michigan) for gravimetric measurements.

#### **5.5 Opacity Observations (USEPA Method 9)**

USEPA Method 9 procedures were used to evaluate the opacity of the exhaust gas during each 60-minute test period. In accordance with USEPA Method 9, the qualified observer stood at a distance sufficient to provide a clear view of the emissions with the sun oriented in the 140° sector to his back. As much as possible, the line of vision was approximately perpendicular to the plume direction.

Opacity observations were made at the point of greatest opacity in the portion of the plume where condensed water vapor was not present. Observations were made at 15-second intervals for the duration of the 60-minute testing period.

All visible emissions determinations were performed by a qualified observer in accordance with USEPA Method 9, Section 3.

#### **5.6 Number and Length of Sampling Runs**

The emission verification test consisted of triplicate (3), one-hour sampling periods of the exhaust stack. The particulate and opacity were sampled simultaneously.

#### **5.7 Quality Assurance/Quality Control Procedures**

Appendix E provides sampling equipment quality assurance and calibration data. A summary of these procedures is provided in this section.

##### **5.7.1 Flow Measurement Equipment**

Prior to arriving onsite, the instruments used during the source test to measure exhaust gas properties and velocity (barometer, pyrometer, and Pitot tube) were calibrated to specifications outlined in the sampling methods.



#### 5.7.2 Isokinetic Sampling for Particulate Matter

The dry gas meter sampling console was calibrated prior to and after the testing program using the critical orifice calibration technique presented in USEPA Method 5. The metering console calibration exhibited no data outside the acceptable ranges required by USEPA Method 5. The digital pyrometer in the metering console was calibrated using a NIST traceable Omega® Model CL 23A temperature calibrator.

The sampling nozzle diameter was determined using the three-point calibration technique.

#### 5.7.3 Particulate Matter Analyses

All recovered particulate matter samples were stored and shipped in glass sample bottles with Teflon® lined caps. The liquid level on each bottle was marked with permanent marker and the caps were secured closed with tape. Samples of the reagents used in the test project (approximately 200 milliliters of acetone) were sent to the laboratory for analysis to verify that the reagents used to recover the samples have low particulate matter residue values.

#### 5.7.4 Sampling System Response Time Determination

The response time of the CO<sub>2</sub> / O<sub>2</sub> sampling system was determined prior to the compliance test program by introducing upscale gas and zero gas, in series, into the sampling system using a tee connection at the base of the sample probe. The elapsed time for the analyzer to display a reading of 95% of the expected concentration was determined using a stopwatch.

The Servomex Model 1440D analyzer exhibited a system response time of 26 seconds. Results of the response time determinations were recorded on field data sheets. For each test period, test data were collected once the sample probe was in position for at least twice the maximum system response time.

#### 5.7.5 Gas Divider Certification (USEPA Method 205)

A STEC Model SGD-710C 10-step gas divider was used to obtain appropriate calibration span gases. The ten-step STEC gas divider was NIST certified (within the last 12 months) with a primary flow standard in accordance with Method 205. When cut with an appropriate zero gas, the ten-step STEC gas divider delivered calibration gas values ranging from 0% to 100% (in 10% step increments) of the USEPA Protocol 1 calibration gas that was introduced into the system. The field evaluation procedures presented in Section 3.2 of Method 205 were followed prior to use of gas divider. The field evaluation yielded no errors greater than 2% of the triplicate measured average and no errors greater than 2% from the expected values.

#### 5.7.6 Instrumental Analyzer Interference Check

The instrumental analyzers used to measure O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> have had an interference response test performed prior to their use in the field pursuant to the interference response test procedures specified in USEPA Method 7E. The appropriate interference test gases (i.e., gases that would be encountered in the exhaust gas stream) were introduced into each analyzer, separately and as a mixture with the analyte that each analyzer is designed to measure. All of analyzers exhibited a composite deviation of less than 2.5% of the span for all measured interferent gases. No major analytical components of the analyzers have been replaced since performing the original interference tests.

#### 5.7.7 Instrument Calibration and System Bias Checks

At the beginning of each day of the testing program, initial three-point instrument calibrations were performed for the CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> analyzers by injecting calibration gas directly into the inlet sample port for each instrument. System bias checks were performed prior to and at the conclusion of each sampling period by introducing the upscale calibration gas and zero gas into the sampling system (at the base of the stainless steel sampling probe prior to the particulate filter and Teflon® heated sample line) and determining the instrument response against the initial instrument calibration readings.

The instruments were calibrated with USEPA Protocol 1 certified concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>, in nitrogen and zeroed using hydrocarbon free nitrogen. A STEC Model SGD-710C ten-step gas divider was used to obtain intermediate calibration gas concentrations as needed.

#### 5.7.8 Determination of Exhaust Gas Stratification

A stratification test was performed for the HMA process exhaust stack. The stainless steel sample probe was positioned at sample points correlating to 16.7, 50.0 (centroid) and 83.3% of the stack diameter. Pollutant concentration data were recorded at each sample point for a minimum of twice the maximum system response time.

The recorded concentration data for the exhaust stack indicates that the measured O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations did not vary by more than 5% of the mean across the stack diameter. Therefore, the exhaust gas was considered to be unstratified and the compliance test sampling was performed at a single sampling location within the exhaust stack.

### **6.0 TEST RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### **6.1 Particulate Matter Emission Test Results**

Exhaust gas filterable PM content was calculated based on the amount of dry stack gas metered through the sampling system and the laboratory results for PM recovered from the USEPA

Method 5 sampling train (filter and nozzle/probe/filter housing rinses). The average PM content was 0.004 grains PM per dry standard cubic foot (gr/dscf) of exhaust gas.

The average measured exhaust gas flowrate was 38,376 dscfm resulting in a calculated PM mass emission rate of 1.15 pounds per hour (lb/hr).

Table 6.1 presents particulate matter test results for the three (3) test periods.

Appendix F provides isokinetic sampling train data and mass emission rate calculations.

Appendix G provides a copy of the Bureau Veritas N.A. laboratory analytical report for gravimetric analysis of the filterable particulate matter samples.

Opacity observations were made at the point of greatest opacity in the portion of the plume where condensed water vapor was not present. Observations were made at 15-second intervals for the duration of the 60-minute testing period.

Table 6.2 presents the opacity reading test results for the three (3) sampling periods.

## **6.2 Operating Conditions During Compliance Tests**

The testing was performed while the process operated at maximum routine operating conditions. Pyramid representatives provided production data at 15-minute intervals for each test period. The average recorded Asphalt production rate was 189 tons per hour (TPH) for the three test periods.

Additionally, Pyramid operators recorded aggregate processed (TPH), RAP processed (TPH), asphalt cement processed (TPH), total HMA produced (TPH), fuel type, HMA discharge temperature, baghouse inlet temperature and pressure drop, frequency of filter fabric cleaning cycle, damper position (% open), and burner position (% open).

Appendix B provides operating data collected during the compliance tests.

## **6.3 Compliance Determination**

The test results presented in Table 6.1 indicate that the source operated in compliance with the applicable allowable PM emission rates of 0.04 gr/dscf of exhaust gas.

The visual emission observation results presented in Table 6.2 indicate that the exhaust gas released via EUHMAPLANT exhibits opacity that is less than that allowed in the Permit to Install and NSPS.

Appendix H provides visible emission data sheets and the observer certificate.

#### **6.4 Variations from Normal Sampling Procedures or Operating Conditions**

The testing was performed as described in the approved test plan and reference test methods. During the test periods the process was operated at normal routine operating conditions, at or near maximum achievable capacity and satisfied the parameters specified in the test plan approval letter. The test event was witnessed by Mr. Tom Gasloli and Ms. Gina McCann of the MDEQ-AQD.

Each one-hour test was paused for a few minutes to move the sampling train from one sampling port to the next.

As with most HMA production facilities, a significant steam plume was present at the exhaust point. The certified VE reader performed the opacity observations downwind of the steam plume at the point where there was no longer visible water vapor.

Natural gas usage rate was not recorded by Pyramid, as there was not access to this operating parameter in the control room. Mr. Tom Gasloli of the MDEQ-AQD approved Pyramid not recording this data.

The sampling rate for Test No. 1 was slightly outside 10% of the calculated isokinetic sampling rate required by USEPA Method 5. Following Test No. 1, a different sampling nozzle size was selected and the sampling rates for Test Nos. 2-3 were within 10% of the calculated isokinetic sampling rate required by USEPA Method 5. The initial nozzle size selection was determined using a preliminary flowrate measured on setup day (July 30, 2018) while the exhaust stack fans were running, but the HMA process was not. On test day (July 31, 2018), the flowrate was much higher while the HMA process was running.

Table 6.1. Measured particulate matter emission rates for the EUHMAPLANT exhaust

Test No.	1	2	3	Avg
Test Date:	7/31/2018	7/31/2018	7/31/2018	
Test Times	6:37-7:54	8:41-9:52	10:30-12:15	
<b>Exhaust Gas Properties</b>				
Exhaust gas flow (dscfm)	35,542	40,443	39,144	38,376
Temperature (°F)	178	171	169	173
Moisture (%H <sub>2</sub> O)	12.8	14.8	15.1	14.3
<b>Sample Train Data</b>				
Sample volume (dscf)	79.8	45.8	44.6	56.7
PM catch primary filter (mg)	6.80	4.60	4.10	5.20
PM catch acetone rinse (mg)	14.0	5.40	5.10	8.20
Total PM catch (mg)	20.8	10.0	9.20	13.3
<b>PM Emission Rate</b>				
PM Emission Rate (lb/hr)	1.22	1.17	1.07	1.15
PM Concentration (gr/dscf)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
<i>PM Permit Limit (gr/dscf)</i>				<b>0.04</b>

Table 6.2 Measured exhaust plume opacity results for the exhaust plume from EUHMAPLANT

Test ID	Test Date	Test Times (EDT)	Production (Tons)	6-Minute Average (%)	Highest 6-Minute Average (%)
Test 1	07/31/18	6:37-7:37	183	0.0	0.0
Test 2	07/31/18	8:41-9:41	191	0.0	0.0
Test 3	07/31/18	10:30-11:30	194	0.0	0.0
Averages			189	0.0	0.0
Permit Limit:				<b>20.0</b>	<b>27.0</b>