

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
 AIR QUALITY DIVISION
 ACTIVITY REPORT: Scheduled Inspection

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FACILITY: J.R. WHITING CO		SRN / ID: B2846
LOCATION: 4525 E. ERIE RD, ERIE		DISTRICT: Jackson
CITY: ERIE		COUNTY: MONROE
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 07/11/2016
STAFF: Brian Carley	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MAJOR
SUBJECT: Scheduled Inspection		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

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I arrived at the plant and met with Frank Rand and Ted Webster of Consumers Energy for a scheduled inspection of the JR Whiting Plant. This facility officially ceased all electric generation operations on April 16, 2016 and was in the process of being decommissioned. Most of the facility was without power and there are only a few areas that have lights in the main plant. The only other place with power is the building that houses the plant personnel for the decommissioning process. The coal bunkers have been emptied and the coal pile has been removed. What little coal remains has been wetted down to form a crust layer to prevent fugitive dust from being generated. The wind did pick up some while I was being shown the former coal yard and I did not see any fugitive dust. All of the dust control devices for the coal and ash handling systems have been emptied, cleaned, and the bags have been removed. All of the other equipment listed in their ROP (boilers, generators, parts cleaners, etc.) has either been made inoperable or has been removed.

The only major activity at the facility was the process of closing ash ponds 1, 2, and 6. Contractors were onsite working on these ponds and they had water trucks going in the areas where the work was taking place. They were working on ash pond 6 at the time of inspection and I did not see any fugitive dust being generated. They are still keeping logs of the dust control measures that they are doing along with weather information for each day.

Based on my inspections and the reports received (quarterly excess emission, MAERS, ROP certifications, etc.) I have determined that they are in compliance. Once they submit their request to void their ROP, I will recommend that we approve that request.

NAME Brian Carley DATE 7/13/16 SUPERVISOR [Signature]