

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT: Complaint Investigation

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FACILITY: Marysville Hydrocarbons, LLC.		SRN / ID: B4282
LOCATION: 2510 Busha Highway, MARYSVILLE		DISTRICT: Southeast Michigan
CITY: MARYSVILLE		COUNTY: SAINT CLAIR
CONTACT: Scott Spaulding , Supervisor		ACTIVITY DATE: 06/09/2020
STAFF: Rem Pinga	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: SM OPT OUT
SUBJECT: Complaint Investigation		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS: C-20-03861		

On June 9, 2020, I conducted visible emissions (VEs) investigation at Marysville Hydrocarbons, LLC per the above complaint. I arrived at the area around 1320 hours. Initially, I drove south along S Range Road beyond the facility property area to conduct visible emissions observations including the flare stack. I stopped outside the closed gate for a few minutes and continued the VE observations. The facility grounds are shared by Marysville Hydrocarbons and Marysville Ethanol. I did not observe any VEs. Next, I drove to the main entrance which is located at 2510 Busha Highway, Marysville, Michigan. Busha Highway is located east and parallel to S Range Road. Prior to entering the facility, I could observe the flare from Busha Highway. I stopped safely for a few minutes at the roadside curve to conduct VE observations. I observed a continuous flame but no opacity.

At the facility, I drove to the Marysville Hydrocarbons main building and announced the purpose of my visit. I found out that my previous contact, Jeremy Macker, no longer works for the company. Mr. Scott Spaulding introduced himself as a facility supervisor and my new contact person. I introduced myself and reiterated the purpose of my visit. When I mentioned to him about burning complaint, he asked the control room operator, Clint, who mentioned that the facility did not have any fires and pointed me to Marysville Ethanol.

I contacted Mr. Aric Metevia of Marysville Ethanol who agreed to meet me at the gate area. We both wore masks and maintained social distancing the whole time we were talking. I stated the reason for my visit; and he mentioned that he was not aware of fire or burning incidents at the facility. He made a phone call to inquire from staff who mentioned about an electrical issue that was a week old but no fires or burning incidents. I thank him and went back to Marysville Hydrocarbons.

At the parking lot of Marysville Hydrocarbons, I can observe the flare stack. I stayed at the lot for a few minutes and observed the flare stack. The flame was burning continuously but I did not observe opacity. I contacted Clint, the control room operator and requested to see him. He let me in and at the control room, I observed a camera that monitors continuously the flame of the flare. We talked for a few minutes, maintaining social distancing, while I continued to observe the flare from the monitor. Clint mentioned that the control room operator observes the flame through the monitor and that the pilot lights (3) keep the flame continuously lit. Next, I went out to the parking lot and continued to observe the flare stack. I did not observe any opacity. I also drove, parked safely at the curve, and conducted additional flare observations along Busha Highway, slightly northeast from the facility where the stack was visible. I observed the flame burning continuously but no opacity. The flare is covered by the facility's Permit to Install No. 55-11B.

Overall, I did not observe any non-compliance issues during the complaint investigation. I wore mask while at the facility, wore gloves when opening doors, maintained social distancing when talking to facility personnel, and utilized hand sanitizer after removing the gloves.

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DATE June 22, 2020

SUPERVISOR 