

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
 AIR QUALITY DIVISION
 ACTIVITY REPORT: Self Initiated Inspection

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FACILITY: Russell Memorial Hospital		SRN / ID: M1962
LOCATION: 201 North Pine Street, ONAWAY		DISTRICT: Gaylord
CITY: ONAWAY		COUNTY: PRESQUE ISLE
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 08/01/2019
STAFF: Bill Rogers	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Check of old hospital site		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On August 1, 2019, I went to Onaway to find the status of Russel Memorial Hospital. We have files of this facility but nothing new about it or its permit in many years. The facility had PI 425-82 for a wood fired boiler. According to notes in the file it also had an incinerator, but I find no record this ever had a permit.

Locating the building was somewhat difficult as apparently there is no longer any legal organization associated with the hospital and the street it was located on does not appear on any maps. The address was 201 North Pine Street; there is no North Pine Street and Onaway has apparently implemented a unified county-wide street numbering system so there is no 201 North anything in town any more.

However, I did find an institutional looking building as the first one on the second block north of the main street. It is on Veteran's Drive, which is plausibly the renamed Pine Street. I know from old notes that Pine Street was one of the main ones near the center of town, and I find no other candidates for it.

The institutional building has a 1950 cornerstone, which is correct, and its layout corresponds to some hand-drawn sketches in our files. I conclude this was likely to be the hospital. It is a very small building but an old news article states Russel Memorial was the smallest hospital in the state, so that is not a problem..

It is now the "Hillbilly Thrift Store."

According to notes in the file the 600,000 btu per hour wood fired boiler was expected to be retired when natural gas came to Onaway. There was no wood pile or other evidence of wood burning in the area, so this likely happened. But in addition a 600,000 BTU per hour wood fired boiler is now exempt from permitting under Rule 285(b)(iii). Therefore it is safe to void the permit for this boiler. I will notify permit section to do so.

NAME William J Rogers L.

DATE 8/7/19

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