

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT: On-site Inspection

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FACILITY: FOGELSONGER VAULT CO		SRN / ID: M4155
LOCATION: 210 AUSABLE STATE RD, BAY CITY		DISTRICT: Bay City
CITY: BAY CITY		COUNTY: BAY
CONTACT: Garrett DeWyse , Owner		ACTIVITY DATE: 07/21/2021
STAFF: Adam Shaffer	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Scheduled announced inspection		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

An onsite inspection was conducted by Air Quality Division (AQD) staff Adam Shaffer (AS) of the Fogelsonger Vault Company (FVC) site located at 210 Au Sable Road Bay City, MI on July 21, 2021. The purpose of this inspection was to verify compliance with Permit to Install (PTI) No. 22-83I and applicable air pollution control rules.

Facility Description

FVC is a former cremation facility that had been in operation under PTI No. 22-83I. The FVC company was historically in operation under two sites (210 Au Sable Road and 1617 Lewis Street). Based on the previous inspection the majority of cremations was completed at the Lewis Street site and the Au Sable Road location appeared have only occasionally been used.

Compliance Evaluation

Prior to the inspection, AS had spoken with Mr. Garrett DeWyse, Owner, of now Sunset Valley Cremation (SS) about the FVC sites to verify both were in operation and then to complete inspections of the sites. Mr. DeWyse had assumed ownership of the FVC in April 2020 from former Owner, Mr. Gary Fogelsoner. Mr. DeWyse had stated that the Au Sable Road site has not been in operation since at least 2019, and only the Lewis Street site was in operation. Mr. DeWyse agreed to meet with AS to verify the Au Sable Road site was vacant.

AS met Mr. DeWyse at the Au Sable Road site the morning of July 21, 2021, at 7:34am. A walk through of the facility was then completed. The site was vacant and clearly not in use. The one cremation unit was noted during the inspection and appeared to still be connected to a gas line.

During the inspection, Mr. DeWyse had mentioned potentially in the future on starting the cremation unit back up and this was discussed at length. After further review, if SS intends to turn the cremation unit back on and resume operation, then it will have to be verified by the company that this does not trigger a "modification or reconstruction" or cost more than 50 percent of the cost to buy a new unit to turn on the older permitted unit. If this does, then SS would need to come in for a new permit.

Conclusion

Based on the facility walkthrough and observations made SS appears to be in compliance with applicable air pollution control rules at this time.

NAME Adam Shaffer

DATE 08/19/21

SUPERVISOR Chris Hare