

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

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FACILITY: TUSCOLA ENERGY - NIXON FARMS		SRN / ID: N1586
LOCATION: 7611 BAY CITY FORESTVILLE RD, AKRON		DISTRICT: Saginaw Bay
CITY: AKRON		COUNTY: TUSCOLA
CONTACT: Jeff Adler , President		ACTIVITY DATE: 04/21/2017
STAFF: Benjamin Witkopp	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Non Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Nixon Farms - Observe individual H2S sampling & ck site		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Andrew Kent and Ben Witkopp of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality - Oil Gas and Minerals & Air Quality Divisions (OGMD & AQD) respectively visited the Nixon Farms crude oil production facility to view H2S sampling from single well operation. The Nixon 5 was the well being operated. Company employee Mike Aiken was trying to take the sample at the drip tank but was having difficulty with the sampling pump. It wasn't locking into position for drawing gas through the sampling tube. After a few attempts a value of 3.5 % was achieved. No one felt that was correct given the historical values.

It should be noted in the SE portion of the site a pile of tank bottom materials was still there. Just north of that there was still an old discarded tank sideways on the ground.. Oil was leaking from the tank. The seven barrels NE of the tank battery were still there too. On the east side of the access road across from the load out area there were a number of barrels. Some had lids while others did not. None of the barrels were labeled. The uncovered barrels had oil and goeey residue. The poor site conditions, the open top barrels in particular, were brought to the attention of Mike Aiken.

NAME B. Witkopp                      DATE 2-2-18                      SUPERVISOR C. Aiken