

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

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FACILITY: THERMICO INC		SRN / ID: N2183
LOCATION: 4050 E GORDONVILLE RD, MIDLAND		DISTRICT: Bay City
CITY: MIDLAND		COUNTY: MIDLAND
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 02/16/2022
STAFF: Benjamin Witkopp	COMPLIANCE STATUS:	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Inspection of facility		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Ben Witkopp of the Michigan Department of Great Lakes and Energy - Air Quality Division (AQD) went to the former Thermico site located at 4050 E. Gordonville Road, Midland Michigan. Also present were Trisha Confer of the Materials Management Division (MMD) and Ethan Israels who was a relatively new hire by MMD. MMD had received a complaint alledging drums of solvent remained on site after an auction of equipment and were leaking into a nearby ditch. The new owner was Mickey Maier and he was on site to provide access to all buildings and enclosures.

We went to the NW corner of the facility where the outdoor hazardous waste storage area was located. There were several barrels in the fenced and covered containment storage area. None of the barrels were visibly leaking let alone having liquids getting into a ditch. MMD discussed removal options to Mickey.

Mickey then provided access to the remaining buildings and enclosures. Mickey said he did not want to conduct any sort of manufacturing. His goal was to turn the buildings into storage rental. The main painting building used by Thermico was devoid of equipment. The same was true of the two sandblasting buildings found on the NE corner. Mickey said he wanted to make concrete floors in both of the sandblasting buildings and MMD told Mickey he could use the sand residue as base. Historically, Thermico had blasted clean pipe as surface preparation prior to painting. Other areas checked consisted of various trailers. The last building was the storage and office area. There were numerous cans of paint on racks along the south wall of the building. MMD advised Mickey on proper disposal. While checking the office area, it was abundantly clear business records and files were left behind and indicated the business had effectively ceased in Jaurary 2018.

I explained the presence of an existing air permit (pti 517-89A) to Mickey and that it was essentially his due to his ownership of the property and remaining assests. He asked the permit be voided since he had no intentions of conducting an operation like Thermico had permitted. He also didn't need to have a letter documenting the permit had been voided.

A request was subsequently made to AQD's Sue Thelen to void permit 517-89A within the system with no need for a confirmation letter to be sent to Mickey.

NAME B. Witkopp      DATE 2-28-22      SUPERVISOR Chris Hare