

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

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FACILITY: Lapeer Industries Inc., Plant 2		SRN / ID: N3090
LOCATION: 290 MCCORMICK DR, LAPEER		DISTRICT: Lansing
CITY: LAPEER		COUNTY: LAPEER
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 04/14/2021
STAFF: Daniel McGeen	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: 4/14/2021 visit to facility as phones were not answered, and media said company was in bankruptcy. Parking lot was empty. At nearby Plant 4, AQD was told that Lapeer Industries is in bankruptcy, and no longer exists, as an entity.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On 4/14/2021, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), conducted an unannounced inspection of the former Lapeer Industries Inc, Plant 2. Recent phone calls to the company went unanswered over the past several months, and media articles said the company was in bankruptcy.

Environmental contacts:

None.

Facility description:

This facility once manufactured metal parts for wind turbines, military vehicles, and aerospace industries.

Background:

AQD needed to resolve a January 2019 Violation Notice (VN) for exceeding 200 gallons per month in their prime booth and also in their top coat booth in Plant 2, during 2018. The exceedances were identified following an 8/21/2018 inspection of Plant 2. The company's VN response was that they would apply for an air permit prior before the end of February 2019, but no permit application was ever received. AQD needed to ask the company if they intend to operate under the Rule 287(2)(c) exemption for each booth, instead of applying for a permit to install.

On 12/9/2020, I attempted to call Lapeer Industries Plant 2's EHS Mgr., Ms. Laura Crawford (810-664-1816, ext. 3427), but her extension no longer existed. The names of two other managers, Mr. Joe Gallant and Mr. Barry Sheldon, were no longer in their automated directory, and I could not reach an actual person. I attempted to contact them through their website, but there was an error during submittal of an electronic comment form. The company website said they are operating only out of two locations now, Plants 1 and 4, so Plant 2 may be closed at this time.

A subsequent 2021 phone call to the company's number resulted in me being unable to actually reach any employees.

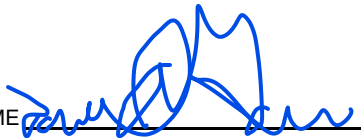
Arrival:

On 4/14/2021, I arrived in the office parking lot of Lapeer Industries Plant 2. It was empty, and the doors were locked.

I then drove to the nearby Lapeer Industries, Inc. Plant 4, SRN N3560. I saw that it also appeared to be closed. An employee for an industrial floor polishing company told me that the company was in bankruptcy, and no longer existed as an entity. The floor was being polished as part of getting that building ready for possible lease to a future tenant, he explained.

Conclusion:

No instances of noncompliance were observed. The VN can now be resolved, as the facility appeared to be closed, and media reports indicated the facility was in bankruptcy. At the nearby closed Lapeer Industries, Inc., Plant 4, I was told by a contractor polishing the floor that the company no longer exists as an entity.

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DATE 9/30/2021

SUPERVISOR B.M.