

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

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FACILITY: WHITEFISH TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS		SRN / ID: N3290
LOCATION: HWY M123, PARADISE		DISTRICT: Upper Peninsula
CITY: PARADISE		COUNTY: CHIPPEWA
CONTACT: STEVEN GUIDEBECK , BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE		ACTIVITY DATE: 10/19/2015
STAFF: Joel Asher	COMPLIANCE STATUS:	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Wood-fired boiler.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On 10/19/2015 I conducted a self-initiated inspection of this facility. My initial contact was Ms. Ann Vayre, the school superintendent. I was then introduced to Mr. Steven Guidebeck, building maintenance and grounds.

The school presently has one air use permit, PTI #1159-91 for a wood-fired boiler. Mr. Guidebeck showed me the boiler but stated they do not plan to burn wood chips in the boiler this school year. The boiler is also capable of firing propane and that will be the fuel used until further notice. Concerns have been raised as to the safety of the employees working around the auger feed system for the wood chips. There are also some concerns with the unloading of chips into the hopper. The present system potentially places employees in a hazardous situation.

Wood chips were last burned on 3/16/2015. No chips have been ordered for this school season. All wood ash is agriculturally applied.

Discussions were held as to the possibility of the school obtaining a new wood-fired boiler and building a new building in the back. I told Mr. Guidebeck if a new boiler is installed a new PTI will be required. Discussions were also held regarding the possibility of demolishing a building on the school property. I explained the basics of the asbestos NESHAP regulations. I will follow up with an email to Mr. Guidebeck with a link to the DEQ asbestos webpage and Ms. Kim Dohm's phone number in the event he has any questions regarding online notifications.

At the time of this inspection the facility is in compliance with PTI #1151-91 and the Air Pollution Control Rules.

NAME  DATE 10/22/15 SUPERVISOR _____