

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

N357667016

FACILITY: Rick's High Tech Auto Body		SRN / ID: N3576
LOCATION: 14450 North Walta Street, KALEVA		DISTRICT: Cadillac
CITY: KALEVA		COUNTY: MANISTEE
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 02/14/2023
STAFF: Caryn Owens	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT:		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On Tuesday, February 14, 2023, Caryn Owens of the Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) – Air Quality Division (AQD) attempted to conduct a scheduled field inspection of Rick's High tech Auto Body (N3576) located at 14450 North Wala Avenue in Kaleva, Manistee County, Michigan. The facility was located northwest corner of North Walta Avenue and Osmo Street in Kaleva. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance with PTI 849-92.

Source Description

AQD drove to the site and around the surrounding areas of the site, and there was one commercial pole building on the Property. No one was available at the building, and there did not appear to be an active auto body facility. One pole building with an address of 14440 North Walta Avenue was located west of the building, residential houses were south of the site, vacant land to the east across Osmo Street, and an easement area, then storage units north of the site. There were no markings indicating the address on the building or around the Property. There was a faded "Kaleva" sign on the eastern portion of the building, but I couldn't make out what the rest of the sign said. Additionally, I observed no stacks extruding from the roof of the building, only two roof vents. There were no stacks coming out of the northern, eastern, western, and southern portions of the building.

Additional Research

Through additional research, AQD obtained County records that indicated this site was last sold to a Milton and Joyce Renwick in 2016, the taxpayer is John Murphy, and listed as Residential Improved. Milton and Joyce Renwick appear to own the property to the west as well, 14440 North Walta Avenue in Kaleva. Looking at online records for the address of 14440 North Kaleva Avenue said it was Larry's Auto Body, but Larry's Auto Body is listed as permanently closed. Looking for online records for 14450 North Watla Avenue in Kaleva did not turn up any commercial listings. It should be noted that this site was permitted in 1992 and has not been inspected since permitted. The PTI was for a side draft paint booth with a 1450 standard cubic feet per minute (scfm) air make-up unit. AQD has not received any complaints with regards to this Property since it was initially permitted. The only permitted Condition, other than the General Conditions, was for the stack of the bake oven be vertically upwards with a maximum diameter 18 inches and greater than 24 feet above ground surface. As previously stated, no stack was observed on the building.

AQD sent a letter to the Property owner requesting to set-up a time for an inspection. AQD heard from Wendy Renwick, daughter of the owner, who had contact with someone to access the Property for me in Kaleva. On Tuesday, March 7, 2023, I accessed the Property. According to the Family Member showing me around the site, she indicated the paint booth was located in the building at 14400 North Walta Avenue and was removed approximately 30 years ago when her grandpa purchased the building from Rick's High Tech Auto. The buildings were used for a trucking company, but now are just used for miscellaneous storage. The storage items located in 14450 N. Walta Avenue were mostly cars and tires. The family members store their Corvette, Tahoe, and Razor at this location. The miscellaneous storage items in the 14440 N. Walta Avenue, was a camper, tires, tools, and other household storage items. There was a stack observed on the ground in the building that appeared to be from a semi-truck. There were no paint booths observed in either building. Therefore, AQD recommends voiding PTI 849-92, and no further action is necessary at this time.

NAME *Caryn Owens*

DATE _____

SUPERVISOR _____