DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AIR QUALITY DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT: Scheduled Inspection

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OCATION: 29784 WILLOW ROAD, WHITE PINE
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ONTACT: JAMES R RICHARDSON , ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER
TAFF: Ed Lancaster COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance
UBJECT: Conducted a scheduled, compliance inspection. Facility has not been ESOLVED COMPLAINTS:
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White Pine Copper Refinery is an electrolytic copper refinery, located in White Pine, Ontonagon County, east of M-64. On July 12, 2016, I met with JR Richardson and Dick Barlock at the White Pine Refinery to conduct a scheduled compliance inspection.

On May 11, 2016, the AQD received the company's administratively complete ROP Renewal application.

Mr. Barlock informed me the White Pine copper mine ceased operations in 1996. The Refinery then began to purchase copper feedstock from a smelter in Western Canada and continued to operate until 2010, when the smelter ceased operations. In August 2010, copper production ended at the plant and clean-up and shut down activities continued until January 2011. Mr. Barlock said all of the equipment is being maintained to insure the plant could be quickly restarted.

The plant has had limited operations, and has not operated since 2012. The company continues to submit timely MAERS and semi-annual ROP reports.