

To the Department of EGLE; The Air Quality Division,



Woodbury Grain LLC is writing this letter to dispute a complaint. They received a letter of violation notice from Carbon Green, on the 27th of November. In this letter, it states that Woodbury Grain was possibly violating Rule number 901. Thus, this letter of dispute will explain how Woodbury Grain keeps the ground clean and free of chaff; from the corn and how M66 traffic is at fault.

Kevin Brodbeck, from Woodbury Grain LLC, started an investigation of such a complaint. He started to get some information from the businesses around his elevator. The closest neighboring business sits 100 feet in front of the Woodbury Grain Elevator. VC Finishes is owned by a man named Mike. Mike and Kevin surveyed his property and nothing substantial seemed to be on the ground. There wasn't any corn or corn chaff anywhere on VC Finishes property. However, they did look in the road and there was excessive corn chaff and corn on the roadside, which is on M66.

Next, Mr. Brodbeck inspected the city of Woodbury which is only 200 feet away from Woodbury Grain. The village streets were dusted with little to no chaff and little corn on the side of the streets. The village of Woodbury didn't seem to have any of this by product except on the side of M66.

Then, Kevin proceeded to IMG Customs, Bob's Auto Sales and Peterson Auto Sales. When Mr. Brodbeck arrived to those businesses, he immediately saw the problem. Unfortunately, there was corn and excessive chaff everywhere on their shared property. Then, Woodbury Grain spoke to the owners of IMG Customs and Bob's Auto Sales and explained that this fallout was not from their Elevator. He explained that the corn dust and individual pieces of corn was coming from all the semi trucks that drove by so often. If we just take a look at what one semi's route, full of corn, their route will prove the corn pollution is from the Trucks on M66, the combines, as well as, grain carts. For instance, just one semi of corn goes by IMG Customs, Bob's Auto Sales and Peterson Auto Sales at least 4 times. Finally, more than 200 farmers are running that route each day, combining with traffic. This makes for a real mess on the property of the three businesses that are complaining. Furthermore, many times the trucks go by without a tarp, empty and blowing out corn and chaff.

Finally, Woodbury Grain cleans up their by-product multiple times a day. Another way Woodbury Grain has combated such fallout is by putting down fresh crushed blacktop instead of the gravel. This helps with the corn dust and dust from gravel.

Thanks in advance for your time in this matter,

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