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On June 28, 2022, Kindel Furniture was found to be in violation of compliance to rules 370 and 910 in relation to the federal clean air act. That which follows are attempts to rectify these violations.

Regarding rule 370, relating to the collection and disposal of airborne contaminants, it's difficult to ascertain the duration of the violations; upon the hiring of a new maintenance / facilities technician, debris accumulation was excessive at that point, and was worked on by him at that point to bring it down to a manageable level. The continued accumulation and growth were due to a lack of a sustained PM plan, however, we're well underway on the rectification of that issue. The grounds have been preliminarily cleared of accumulated wood pulp and debris via shoveling and shall be gone over with a fine-tooth comb in a near future date. This will include removal of flora growth and grounds restoration. To maintain a compliant area, weekly inspections of the baghouse and surrounding area will be implemented and documented. This will allow observation of any negative trends related to accumulation, and lead to quicker rectification of any arising issues. It will be significantly easier to notice issues arising from a clean slate than in the state of which our current technician arrived.

Regarding rule 910, failure to properly maintain and operate an air-cleaning device, this is an issue that seemingly began nearly 4 to 5 years prior. A previous maintenance technician (approximately 3 technicians prior) removed a pressure differential gauge that would allow simple readings to the condition of the filtration bags stored within the bag house, due to an "interference of a Sparx system installation". Whether this is true or not is unknown to anyone currently working within any of the departments, however, it was passed down secondhand by a worker who had assisted the prior maintenance technician in various duties. Because of this, the bags in the baghouse were not properly maintained, an issue that is currently being worked on.

On Wednesday, July 27, 2022, an inspection of the entire baghouse and ductwork will occur from the company of "Constructive Sheet Metal Inc", and any leaks or upgrade suggestions resulting from the inspection will be applied. Further, during this inspection (or shortly after the inspection, if it must be rescheduled), a magnehelic gauge will be installed (Of which we have ordered and ready for professional installation).

The filtration bags have undergone a significant amount of time without adherence to their (admittedly aggressive) replacement schedule. A set of replacement bags have been ordered, and upon retrieval, will be replaced, however, there is currently a 10-week lead time on the shipment of the bags. After replacement, adherence to a rotation/replacement schedule will be followed. As well as observation and recording of the magnehelic gauge (which will allow better management on the filtration bags), we intend to have an annual inspection from an outside company of our baghouse and dust collection system. This will allow addressing of any problems before they become a long running issue.



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