

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

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FACILITY: MICHIGAN PALLET INC		SRN / ID: N7920
LOCATION: 1100 PACKARD HWY, CHARLOTTE		DISTRICT: Lansing
CITY: CHARLOTTE		COUNTY: EATON
CONTACT: Ken Engelsma , Operations Manager		ACTIVITY DATE: 10/22/2014
STAFF: Michelle Luplow	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Unannounced, scheduled compliance inspection primarily to verify that all equipment that Michigan Pallet said was removed, was removed.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Inspected by: Michelle Luplow (author) and Keisha Williams (AQD Toxics Unit)

Personnel Present: Willy Householder, Manager

Other Relevant Personnel: Ken Engelsma, Operations Manager (1100 Packard Hwy, Charlotte, 48813)

Purpose: Conduct an unannounced, scheduled compliance inspection to verify that all permitted equipment has been removed. A letter was sent to the AQD dated October 20, 2008 from Michigan Pallet's Ken Engelsma explaining that Michigan Pallet has permanently shut down the log processing portion of the company and hauled all shipments of logs coming into the plant. The equipment is associated with PTI No. 16-08 for EU-Debarker, EU-SawMill (Cleereman sawmill, Brewer bandsaw, Baker 3 head chop saw, Brewer golden eagle gang saw, Brewer notcher), and EU-Chipper.

Facility Background/Regulatory Overview: Michigan Pallet currently is in the business of reconditioning pallets for reuse/sale as well as generating mulch from pallets. Historically, they were also involved in processing waste wood products and tree logs for various applications. PTI 16-08 came about as the result of complaints received concerning sawdust covering neighboring properties.

Inspection: This was an unannounced, scheduled compliance inspection. At approximately 10:30 a.m. on October 22, 2014 I met with Willy Householder at Michigan Pallet's pallet yard, which is adjacent to their office building. I explained to W. Householder what occurs during an inspection and provided him with a DEQ "Environmental Inspections: Rights and Responsibilities" brochure to illustrate a typical inspection procedure. There were no signs of sawdust and no signs of opacity generated anywhere onsite. There was a moderately-sized pile of mulch located near the entrance of the facility; the majority of the site contains pallets only.

W. Householder said that approximately 3 years ago Michigan Pallet removed EU-Debarker, EU-SawMill, and EU-Chipper from their site; he said some of the equipment was sent to owner, Paul Kamps', log mill, and other pieces were sold. I did not see any signs of this equipment throughout the site. I will request that PTI 16-08 be voided because the equipment has been removed.

Michigan Pallet is in compliance with all applicable state and federal regulations at this time.

NAME Michelle M. Luplow DATE 10-24-14 SUPERVISOR M. Engelsma