

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

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FACILITY: HILDEN OIL CO - HOUSE CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION FAC		SRN / ID: N8189
LOCATION: T 15 N R 14 W SECTION 18 ISABELLA TWP, ROSEBUSH		DISTRICT: Saginaw Bay
CITY: ROSEBUSH		COUNTY: ISABELLA
CONTACT: Russell Hilden , Owner		ACTIVITY DATE: 11/14/2018
STAFF: Benjamin Witkopp	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Non Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Scheduled inspection		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On November 14, 2018, Andrew Kent of the MDEQ- Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division (OGMD) and Ben Witkopp of the MDEQ-Air Quality Division (AQD) went to check on the House 2-18 crude oil production facility operated by Hilden Oil Company. It was given air use permit to install 372-08 once the company responded to a violation notice sent November 26, 2008 and submitted a permit application. The permit covered a heater treater, three storage tanks, and a flare system for the crude oil produced from a single well. The facility is located west of Rosebush, specifically south of West Rosebush Rd and just west of N Whiteville Rd. between Whiteville and Meridian Rds.

The facility is now a shell of itself. It was not producing at the time. Two of the storage tanks were disconnected, one of which had an open hole on the side near the bottom of the tank. The tank which was still connected was the one found in the southeast corner of the diked area. There was sweet gas available for the heater treater. The operation did not appear to have been in use, or only sporadic use, for some time. The flare operating box had hornets' nests in it which were removed. The flare was then checked and appeared to still be wired and plumbed for operation. The produced gas flow meter box was checked and the chart in it was from November 7, 2015.

Mr. Warren Bauman had been the previous company contact for environmental related issues, but he has since disassociated himself from the company. Rod Keathley is still the pumper for the site. Rod was contacted and Rod said they did flow oil off and on last year. It is doubtful if required testing and record keeping requirements are being met but obviously this is a very low production facility and the H2S flow rate limit of 172.2 pounds per day going to the flare is not likely close to being exceeded.

Contact was made with Russ Hilden. He said he is unable to provide records as he is out of the State until June 5, 2019. He said the well is shut in. I contacted Keith Kidder (OGMD) to see what information he could provide. On April 4, 2019 Keith said he had production records for the site that were provided by the company. He said the records submitted to OGMD showed production about every other month in 2018.

Given the varying status of the production among the people contacted, and the Company inability to provide records for quite some time, a violation notice will be sent.

NAME B. Witkopp DATE 4-12-19 SUPERVISOR C. Hove