

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT: On-site 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: Bay City |
| CITY: ROSEBUSH | | COUNTY: ISABELLA |
| CONTACT: Jeff Hilden , | | ACTIVITY DATE: 07/08/2022 |
| STAFF: Benjamin Witkopp | COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance | SOURCE CLASS: MINOR |
| SUBJECT: Facility inspection | | |
| RESOLVED COMPLAINTS: | | |

On July 6, 2022 Ben Witkopp of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy - Air Quality Division (AQD) went to Hilden Oil Company's House crude oil production facility. It is located in section 18 of Isabella Township in Isabella County and lies on the west side of North Whiteville Rd. between Rosebush and Weidman Rds. It occupies the same area as Hilden's Hamilton Gas Plant which is on the north side of the property. The House has air use permit 372-08. It basically requires flaring sour gas produced from the oil. A continuously burning pilot flame for the flare is another requirement, as is record keeping.

At the point of the last inspection on November 14, 2018, the facility was deemed to be in non-compliance due to the lack of records. The true status of production also played a part as the status varied depending upon the person providing the information. The well was shut in but not plugged. Eventually, it was decided to forego further action as the company was in the process of determining the fate of the facility and contacting its shareholders. Both the well and the facility would require costly upgrading to bring back meaningful production.

The site was found to be non-operational now whereas it was periodically in use at the time of the last inspection. There was no electrical power to the location. Mr. Coty Withorn of Oil, Gas, and Minerals, Division (OGMD) OGMD confirmed that Hilden Oil had requested plugging instructions for the well and understood the entire site would have to be restored. He also provided the email address for Jeff Hilden. The company was reportedly planning on commencing the plugging and subsequent restoration activities in the autumn of 2022 once crops have been harvested from surrounding fields.

On July 7, 2022, an email was sent to Jeff Hilden suggesting voiding the air permit given the impending well plugging and site restoration. After various discussions Jeff requested voiding the permit on July 26, 2022 via email. The request was forwarded to Sue Thelen of the AQD permit section for action.

The site is considered permanently closed for AQD purposes.

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