

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT: Self Initiated Inspection

P016135797

FACILITY: Schunks Rock Farm, LLC		SRN / ID: P0161
LOCATION: 5503 South Cornwell Ave, CLARE		DISTRICT: Saginaw Bay
CITY: CLARE		COUNTY: CLARE
CONTACT: lee schunk , Owner/Operator		ACTIVITY DATE: 08/02/2016
STAFF: Sharon LeBlanc	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: unscheduled, self initiated site inspection for small crusher plant.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On July 12, 2016, AQD District Staff mobilized to Schunks Rock Farm LLC (P0161) gravel pit, 5503 S. Cornwell Ave., Clare Michigan for an unscheduled site inspection of the crusher plant. The referenced crusher plant is permitted under Permit to Install 189-10, which was modified on July 1, 2011 as a result of equipment changes noted during a June 16, 2011, site inspection.

Upon arrival onsite, Staff was told that the plant owner of record was not onsite, and that the crusher had been sold approximately 4 years ago. Staff requested that the plant contact, Mr. Mike Schunk call the District Office so the equipment status could be clarified, and if necessary the permit voided.

On Tuesday, August 2, 2016, AQD District Staff conducted a second site visit with the intent of confirming if permitted equipment was still onsite. Upon arrival, Mr. Lee Schunk was surprised that the requested call had not been made to Staff, and agreed that Staff could drive back to the sand and gravel pit to confirm that the crusher was no longer onsite.

The pit itself is relatively small, and it was clear that no recent work had been conducted as side walls of the pit which had previously been bare, were covered with plant growth. The area was also being used to store wrapped round hay bales, and various pieces of farm equipment. The weigh scale and associated office was still onsite, as was the wash station and screening unit with associated conveyors that had been present during the June 15, 2011 site inspection.

No crusher was onsite, and the remaining screens and associated conveyors are exempt from permitting under Rule 285 (t) which allows equipment for the mining and screening of uncrushed sand, gravel, oil and other inorganic soil-like materials without permitting. A request to void the referenced permit will be made based on the sale of the crusher, and its removal from site.

NAME

Sharon LeBlanc

DATE

8/3/2016

SUPERVISOR

C. Hale