

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

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FACILITY: TUSCOLA ENERGY INC		SRN / ID: P0199
LOCATION: ELMWOOD RD SEC 36, WISNER TWP		DISTRICT: Saginaw Bay
CITY: WISNER TWP		COUNTY: TUSCOLA
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 07/24/2017
STAFF: Benjamin Witkopp	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Non Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Quick site check while headed to another		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On July 24, 2017, Ben Witkopp of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality - Air Quality Division (MDEQ-AQD) checked the Sylvester 2-36 crude oil production facility while on the way to another site. The facility produces crude oil from the Detroit River Sour Formation and is owned by Tuscola Energy. The facility consists of a separator, tank, and flare system. The facility is covered by AQD permit 6-11. Additionally, the Company is subject to a consent order (AQD 37-2015, OOGM 2997) which was effective December 17, 2015.

The production uses a pumping well. The well was not pumping at the time. The flare was not lit. A strong odor of H2S was noted south of the tank. The wind was from the north. While staying perpendicular to the downwind side of the tank hatch I held out the H2S monitor. The alarm went off and the reading settled to 147 ppm.

The release of unburned sour gas is a violation of permit 6-11 special condition IV 2 and AQD Rule 336.1403 (1).

A violation notice will be sent. It should be noted a violation was previously sent November 7, 2016 for the same activity. The violations presented above may subject the company to stipulated penalties for the facility as stated in the consent order.

NAME *B. Witkopp*

DATE *7-24-17*

SUPERVISOR *C. Hale*