

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

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FACILITY: OVONIC BATTERY COMPANY		SRN / ID: P0440
LOCATION: 1414 COMBERMERE DRIVE, TROY		DISTRICT: Southeast Michigan
CITY: TROY		COUNTY: OAKLAND
CONTACT: Mariana Pipoli Runho , EHS Specialist		ACTIVITY DATE: 02/21/2019
STAFF: Kerry Kelly	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Determine facility's operating status.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On February 21, 2019, I (Kerry Kelly, AQD) conducted a self-initiated inspection of Ovonic Battery Company, located at 1414 Combermere Drive in Troy, Michigan. The purpose of the inspection was to determine if the equipment permitted in Permit to Install (PTI) number 67-13 had been removed from the facility.

PTI 67-13 was issued to Ovonic Battery Company on July 3, 2013. Equipment permitted in PTI 67-13 included manganese sulfate and/or nickel sulfate solution mixing tank and bulk bag unloader and cobalt sulfate and/or nickel sulfate mixing tank and bulk bag unloader. BASF purchased Ovonic Battery Company in 2012.

On December 11, 2018, AQD Southeast Michigan District Office received a request to void PTI 67-13 from Ms. Mariana Pipoli Runho, EHS Specialist, BASF. In the letter Ms. Pipoli Runho indicated that activities at 1414 Combermere had ceased on November 2, 2018.

INSPECTION

I arrived at BASF at approximately 8:00 AM on February 21, 2019. I entered the parking lot, introduced myself to Ms. Pipoli Runho, and explained the purpose of the inspection. Ms. Pipoli Runho escorted me around the facility during the inspection.

During the facility walk-through I observed the building was empty and there were holes that had been temporarily filled-in where the stacks of the permitted equipment used to be. I did not see any of the equipment permitted in PTI 67-13 or any other equipment subject to the Federal Clean Air Act and Part 55, Air Pollution Control of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

CONCLUSION

I sent an email to AQD Permit Section on February 21, 2019 stating PTI 67-13 can be voided because the permitted equipment is no longer at the facility (Attachment 1).

NAME

K. Kelly

DATE

2/25/19

SUPERVISOR

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