

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

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FACILITY: Rest in Peace Farms		SRN / ID: P0549
LOCATION: 700 East Peck Lake Road, IONIA		DISTRICT: Grand Rapids
CITY: IONIA		COUNTY: IONIA
CONTACT: Scott Collier, Facility Coordinator		ACTIVITY DATE: 09/08/2014
STAFF: Eric Grinstern	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Pending	
SUBJECT: Unannounced inspection		SOURCE CLASS:
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Facility Description

Rest In Peace Farms is a dead stock processing facility that has been in operation for approximately one year. The facility collects dead stock from farms and transports them back to the facility. At the facility, stock that are not too decomposed are skinned and gutted. The carcasses are then split to remove the spine and brain. The paunch manure is removed from the rumen and stored on-site for application as fertilizer. The entrails and split carcasses are stored in a cooler until they are placed in a semi-trailer that is taken Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to Darling Ingredients in Coldwater, MI for rendering.

Compliance Evaluation

Inspection conducted in response to numerous complaints regarding strong odors impacting neighboring residences. AQD Staff was accompanied by Robin Anderson, Ionia County Animal Control Officer. Ms. Anderson was responsible for evaluating compliance with the Bodies of Dead Animals Act (BODA).

At the facility staff met with Scott Collier, Facility Manager. Mr. Collier stated that the facility is owned by Mark Schoenborn.

At the time of the inspection there were 5 cows lying on the cement pad at the rear of the facility. In addition to the cows, there was a pile of entrails from approximately one to two cows lying on the cement pad. Mr. Collier stated that the cows had all came in since the morning. Mr. Collier stated that cows that are received are processed either the day they are received, or in the case of Mondays, with a large volume of cow are received, the next morning. Mr. Collier stated that all cows are processed within 24 hours. Mr. Collier further stated that any cows that are too decomposed are not processed. Those cows are loaded on a truck and hauled to the landfill.

While onsite a strong odor\$ was noticeable around the facility. Mr. Collier stated that they are looking at taking the following actions to reduce odor issues:

- Extend the cement receiving pad and lime the soil to reduce odors.
- Finish enclosing the west side of the facility to reduce wind coming through the building and carrying out odors.

EG explained AQD Rule 901 to Mr. Collier and the process AQD uses to evaluate odors. EG encouraged Mr. Collier to complete all proposed actions to reduce the odors as quickly as possible. EG also recommended that the facility place the entrails in the cooler as quickly as possible as opposed to leaving them lay on the cement receiving pad.

No violation of AQD rules or BODA were documented during this inspection.

NAME *[Signature]* DATE 9/19/14 SUPERVISOR *[Signature]*