

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT: On-site Inspection

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FACILITY: BRUCE WALDRON EXCAVATING		SRN / ID: P1166
LOCATION: 8000 E BLANCHARD ROAD, SHEPHERD		DISTRICT: Bay City
CITY: SHEPHERD		COUNTY: ISABELLA
CONTACT: Bruce Waldron Owner		ACTIVITY DATE: 12/23/2020
STAFF: Benjamin Witkopp	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Non Compliance	SOURCE CLASS:
SUBJECT: Self initiated inspection of crusher		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Ben Witkopp of the Air Quality Division (AQD) was informed by another District there may be an unpermitted crusher operating just east of Shepard MI. It was possibly in the southeast portion of US 127 and E. Blanchard Rd. intersection.

I went to the location in question and found a crusher on site. It was not operating at the time. A small pile of crushed concrete was located at the end of a conveyor. I approached a person up near the throat of the crusher and he said the owner was operating the front-end loader and motioned towards him to meet me. The crusher was an Eagle portable crushing plant, size 1000-15CC, model number 33D5615, serial number 22065.

Mr. Bruce Waldron introduced himself as the owner of Bruce Waldron Excavating. He said there was starting to be a lack of excavating type work (septic tanks, drainage etc.) due to a number of individuals doing side work in that business. He felt there was a potential opportunity in doing smaller scale crushing so he purchased a used crusher from a concrete operation in North Carolina.

I explained the AQD requirements, NSPS requirements, potential for fees in the future, and lightly touched on MAERS. I also explained the difference between general and site-specific requirements. Bruce had quite a few questions which was a good sign. He appeared to want to do things right. He also asked questions about crushers and operations. We thoroughly discussed his plans. I told him I would contact Lansing to see if some direct one on one assistance could be provided but that a violation notice would be sent.

I provided a variety of information including the guide to crushers, general permit application, etc. to Bruce and had him focus on getting site information, equipment specifications, and plan his operational setup. I subsequently contacted Jen Dixon of the Environmental Support Division (ESD) to help with a permit application. A site-specific permit was of the upmost need for the current location. I provided Jen with the details of the situation and subsequently got Bruce working directly with Jen. Bruce would periodically have very good questions, which I answered.

A violation notice for rule 201 was sent January 12, 2021. Bruce worked with Jen and some occasional input from me to get the application submitted (app 2021-0023). The permit was subsequently issued as 5-21 on February 17, 2021.

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