

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
AIR QUALITY DIVISION  
ACTIVITY REPORT: Scheduled Inspection

U11161002036026

FACILITY: GT Products		SRN / ID: U111610020
LOCATION: 1500 E. Empire Avenue		DISTRICT: Kalamazoo
CITY: Benton Harbor		COUNTY: BERRIEN
CONTACT: Adam Terry, President		ACTIVITY DATE: 08/11/2016
STAFF: Matthew Deskins	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS:
SUBJECT:		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On August 11, 2016 AQD Staff (Matt Deskins and Monica Brothers) went to conduct an unannounced scheduled inspection of the J.L. French facility located in Benton Harbor, Berrien County. According to district file records, J.L. French had one active air permit (PTI No. 434-99A) issued to them for two aluminum melting furnaces. However, during staff's last inspection of the facility back in FY 2006, the company was planning to close and they had filed for bankruptcy. At the time, they wanted to keep their permit active in hopes of selling off the business. The purpose of the inspection was to see if another facility had taken over operations as they were or potentially doing something else that might require an air permit. Staff departed for the facility after inspecting another one nearby and having lunch.

Staff arrived at the facility at approximately 1:00 p.m. J.L. French at one time had consisted of two buildings, one where they do all their machining and another where the melting furnaces and die-cast operations took place. Staff noted that now there were two addresses listed for the property, one being 1498 E. Empire and the other being 1500. The 1500 address was now occupied by a business called GT Products and 1498 by Central Packaging and Fulfillment (CPF). When staff first pulled up by GT Products, they noticed someone pulling up to the building. That person ended up coming over to greet staff and staff introduced themselves and stated the purpose of the visit. The person staff met with was Adam Terry and he was the president of GT Products. Staff asked about J.L. French and Adam said that they did close and that he has been there a number of years. Staff asked what he did there and he stated that they did CNC machining of mainly aluminum. He said that they employ 4 to 6 people and work Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He went on to say that Lane Automotive is their biggest customer. He also said that they buy and sell machine parts from overseas. Staff then took a tour of the facility with Adam and did not observe any equipment that would require an air permit.

Staff then asked Adam about the building next door where J.L. French used to melt and die-cast aluminum. Adam said that he had bought that building as well but later ended up selling it to CPF. He said he would take staff over there and introduce us to the owner. Staff then proceeded with Adam over to check out the other building /business.

After staff walked over to CPF, staff and Adam proceeded inside where Adam ended up introducing staff to Nancy(?). According to Adam and Nancy, all CPF does is package and fulfill orders that people make. CPF receives merchandise from companies every so often and as orders come in for the products, CPF packages it and ships it out. Staff noted the building was just full of packages. Staff then went on a tour of the facility with Adam and asked about the furnaces. Adam said that both had been removed as part of the deal when he bought the buildings. He then led staff to the location that they were in and staff noted that they had been removed and the stack holes in the roof sealed off. Staff did not observe any equipment or operations that would require an air permit. Staff thanked Adam for his time and departed at approximately 1:40 p.m.

**GT PRODUCTS and CENTRAL PACKAGING AND FULLFILLMENT INSPECTION CONCLUSIONS:** The facilities appear to be in Compliance and don't appear to have any operations that would require an air permit from the AQD.

NAME Matthew Deskins

DATE 8-18-16

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