

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

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FACILITY: Stealthcraft Boats		SRN / ID: U431906841
LOCATION: 7038 South M-37		DISTRICT: Cadillac
CITY: Baldwin		COUNTY: LAKE
CONTACT: Mike Batcke , President and CEO		ACTIVITY DATE: 07/11/2019
STAFF: Rob Dickman	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS:
SUBJECT: Inspection of this source.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Travelled with Jodi Lindgren, AQD Cadillac District, to Stealthcraft Boats in Baldwin, Michigan. The initial intent of this visit was to perform an inspection to determine if boat hulls were being fabricated at the facility. Prior to entering the facility, no boat molds or stockpiled boat manufacturing materials were noted. Also, no significant stacks were noted. It was evident that boat hulls were not made at this facility.

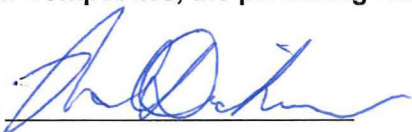
Met with Mike Batcke, President of Stealthcraft Boats. Mr. Batcke had previously indicated that hulls were not made at the Baldwin facility, but rather were made at Noron Composites near Manistee, Michigan. Noron Composites is a major source of HAPS and operates under Renewable Operating Permit Number MI-ROP-N1864-2016. We had also previously spoken with Ron Melchert, owner of Noron, who seemed somewhat confused about the hulls being made at his facility.

Mr. Batcke had also previously indicated he was in the process of purchasing Noron Composites and again reiterated the sale is pending and could be finalized shortly. We explained that, while the ROP for Noron Composites would be transferable to Stealthcraft, Noron Composites is not technically permitted to fabricate boat hulls, just boat parts and other reinforced plastic composites under 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart WWWW. The manufacture of boat hulls falls under 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart VVVV.

We explained that it would be critical for the facility to be in compliance with Subpart VVVV and Noron Composites's ROP when Mr. Batcke takes ownership of the facility including prompt submission of initial notifications pursuant to the MACT. To aid in this, we agreed to supply him with change of ownership directions, a copy of Noron's current ROP, and a copy of Subpart VVVV, along with some other pertinent information.

It is recommended that we continue to monitor the progress of the sale of Noron Composites and to continue to offer assistance to Mr. Batcke as practical. Also, it would be advisable to evaluate what permitting or permit modifications may be necessary such that, should Stealthcraft assume control of Noron Composites, the permitting will be correct.

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7/12/19

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