

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT: Complaint Investigation

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FACILITY: Daejin Advanced Materials		SRN / ID: U462206118
LOCATION: 100 Industrial Court, Adrian		DISTRICT: Jackson
CITY: Adrian		COUNTY: LENAWEE
CONTACT: Kevin Shin , Vice President		ACTIVITY DATE: 01/04/2024
STAFF: Brian Merle	COMPLIANCE STATUS:	SOURCE CLASS:
SUBJECT: Complaint investigation in response to numerous odor complaints received by AQD on January 3rd and 4th.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS: C-24-00428, C-24-00429, C-24-00430, C-24-00432		

On January 4th, 2024, AQD Staff conducted a complaint investigation/odor observation in response to odor complaints received January 3rd and 4th. Two complaints were submitted using the online complaint system on the evening of January 3rd, and a phone call and PEAS complaint were submitted the morning of January 4th.

After receiving the two online complaints, I emailed Kevin Shin, Vice President, to request a selection and timeline by Wednesday the 10th. He later responded their consultant was still working on it and he would let me know when they do. We later received the additional complaints, prompting the investigation.

I began with an odor observation near the address of the PEAS complaint, 629 S Scott Street, at 11:55 AM. Chlorine/chemical odors were observed here at a Level 1, with the winds almost directly out of the west. This address is slightly southeast of the facility. I then proceeded to the two addresses from the online complaint forms, 1045 W. Maple Ave. and 1080 Orchard Ct., which are northeast of the facility, at approximately 12:02 and 12:08 PM, respectively. No odors were observed here. I then made my way to the facility, and with my windows down could observe the odor as I approached. I stopped and exited my vehicle near the entrance and noted the distinct and definite chemical smell, at approximately a Level 3. I then proceeded into the parking lot and entered the facility at approximately 12:20 PM.

Inside, I met with an employee and announced myself as an EGLE AQD employee here in response to odor complaints and if I could speak to Kevin or Daniel. He let me know that Kevin was not in the building and Daniel was on vacation, and that there was most likely no one on site I could meet with to answer my questions about the odor control device. He also let me know that the extrusion process, the likely source of the odor, was run on the 3rd and 4th, which would explain the odor complaints. I thanked him and left.

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