

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

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FACILITY: LEFERE FORGE & MACHINE CO		SRN / ID: B1659
LOCATION: 665 HUPP AVE, JACKSON		DISTRICT: Jackson
CITY: JACKSON		COUNTY: JACKSON
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 11/01/2019
STAFF: Stephanie Weems	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: SM OPT OUT
SUBJECT: Scheduled inspection		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Synthetic Minor/Opt-Out Source Inspection: Lefere Forge & Machine Co (B1659)

Purpose

On November 1, 2019, I conducted an unannounced compliance inspection of Lefere Forge & Machine Co., located at 665 Hupp Ave., Jackson, MI. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the facility's compliance status with the applicable federal and state air pollution regulations, particularly Michigan Act 451, Part 55, Air Pollution Control Act, and Permit to Install (PTI) 388-96B, as well as to respond to reports of a facility closure.

Facility Location

The facility is located in the city of Jackson, surrounded by other commercial/industrial sources. See Image 1 for an aerial photo.

Facility Background

This facility was last inspected on February 29, 2016. At that time, the facility was found to be in compliance.

This facility historically forged various steel parts and components related to the gas/energy, heavy vehicle, and caster industries.

AQD staff were made aware of the possible closure of the site in December of 2018 through newspaper reports. In early 2019, AQD staff tried to reach out to the facility contacts at Lefere Forge regarding the possible closure and the voiding of their permits, but with no response. Additionally, a quick Google search indicates that many of the parts and machines at the facility were auctioned off in January 2019. See the attached articles located with this report in the facility file.

Arrival and Compliance Summary

I stopped by the facility at approximately 10:30 AM on November 1, 2019 to verify that the facility is no longer operating.

Additionally, a call to the contacts at Lefere was attempted on November 1, 2019. The contact number that AQD has on file is no longer in service.

It appears that the facility is now permanently closed. It is recommended that this permit be voided, and the facility removed from further inspection lists.



Image 1(1): Aerial view

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DATE 11-1-19

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