

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

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FACILITY: SAGINAW WILBERT VAULT CORP		SRN / ID: N5875
LOCATION: 465 KING ST, HEMLOCK		DISTRICT: Saginaw Bay
CITY: HEMLOCK		COUNTY: SAGINAW
CONTACT: Sara Shetler , CEO/COO		ACTIVITY DATE: 10/22/2015
STAFF: Gina McCann	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Non Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Re-inspection to verify temperature recording devices were installed and properly working.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Mr. Benjamin Witkopp and I (glm) performed an announced inspection of the Saginaw Wilbert Vault facility in Hemlock. We were met by Ms. Sara Shetler, CEO/COO of Saginaw Wilbert Vault, and Mr. Dan Trinklein, Operator for Saginaw Wilbert Vault. The purpose of this inspection was to verify that temperature recorders were installed, to view cremation records, and to inform the facility that a request for malfunction abatement plan would be sent.

I performed an inspection at the facility on April 08, 2015. On April 23, 2015 the facility was cited for lack of records of average temperature for each cremation. The facility responded on May 18, 2015 that they were currently working with Matthews International, their vendor, to purchase and install the secondary chamber recorder on both machines. They anticipated that the recorders would be installed within 45 days or by June 28, 2015.

Ms. Shelter and Mr. Trinklein were able to show us monthly records of the number of cremations performed in each incinerator. However, the average temperature in the secondary chamber for each cremation was not available.

Neither unit was operating at the time of this visit. The temperature and chart recorders were installed, but were not operable. Ms. Shetler informed us that there was some electrical issues with the temperature recording devices. That for some reason the data was not getting stored. They had been trying to contact Matthews to resolve, but the Matthews technician was unresponsive.

Once at the office, I called Matthews and was not able to contact a technician. I spoke with Ms. Shetler on 10/29/2015 and a Matthews technician had been on site and the temperature records were up and running as of October 26, 2015.

I will confirm before the end of the fiscal year that the recorders are operating properly.

NAME Gina McCann

DATE 10/29/15

SUPERVISOR C. Hare