

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

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FACILITY: SKLARCZYK SEED FARM LLC		SRN / ID: N7536
LOCATION: 8714 M-32 EAST, JOHANNESBURG		DISTRICT: Gaylord
CITY: JOHANNESBURG		COUNTY: OTSEGO
CONTACT: Ben sklarczyk ,		ACTIVITY DATE: 04/27/2018
STAFF: Sharon LeBlanc	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Non Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Scheduled site inspection for fiscal year 2018, Facility has replaced permitted equipment without obtaining a permit modification. Facility has indicated in writing that it will initiate permitting process.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On April 27, 2018, AQD District Staff arrived onsite to conduct a scheduled site inspection of the Sklarczyk Seed Farm, LLC, 8714 M-32 East, Johannesburg, Otsego County, Michigan (N7536). The referenced facility operates under Permit to Install (PTI) 253-05, issued on October 11, 2005.

Staff met with Ben Sklarczyk who reported that the two permitted heaters are gone and have been replaced with a single 800,000 BTU waste oil heater. District Staff explained that the swap out would most likely require a permit modification to address the equipment change.

FACILITY

Located at 8714 M-32 East, west of Johannesburg, Michigan, the referenced facility is a commercial potato seed producer. The facility as indicated by the property address is located on M-32, approximately 11 miles east of Gaylord and 2 west of Johannesburg, Michigan.

Information available on the Company website indicated that the farm was purchased in 1942, growing potatoes and other crops on the acreage. In the 1980's the facility shifted to tissue culture for seed potato production, and in the late 1990's shifted to hydroponic seed potato production activities.

The facility presently consists of approximately 650 acres in wheat and soybean production. Potato seed production is in three polytop greenhouses and a five-bay glass house. Per the company website the company produced over four million seed potatoes the previous year.

PERMITTING

As previously indicated, PTI 253-05 was issued on October 11, 2005. The permit was issued for two Shenandoah waste oil space heaters with heat input of 500,000 BTU/Hr each (EU-HEATER1 and EUHEATER2). The permit application reported that one space heater was purchased in 2003 and the other rebuilt by the company in 2004. The units were supplements to existing LP-fired, in-floor heater in use in the greenhouses.

At the time of permitting, the Facility reported the source of the oil being not only generated onsite but obtained from other sources such as the Johannesburg Lewiston School Bus Garage, other local farmers and oil company compressor engines.

COMPLIANCE

A review of District Files failed to identify any complaints, or violations associated with the Facility.

Previous activities associated with the site included collection of a representative oil sample from the storage tank on November 21, 2005. Analytical results for the referenced sample were evaluated and reported to be in compliance with Part 121 regulations.

At the time of the April 27, 2018, site visit, the facility is believed to be in violation of Rule 201, which requires a permit to install for the newer space heater that replaced the two previously permitted units. Facility staff have indicated that they will begin the permit modification process. Appropriate links to permitting webpages and guidance documents were provided electronically the day of the site inspection. Should adequate progress not be made a violation notice will be issued to the Facility. sgl

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