

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
AIR QUALITY DIVISION  
ACTIVITY REPORT: On-site Inspection

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| <b>FACILITY:</b> Iron City Enterprises   |                                      | <b>SRN / ID:</b> P1155           |
| <b>LOCATION:</b> N2404 HWY 41, MENOMINEE |                                      | <b>DISTRICT:</b> Marquette       |
| <b>CITY:</b> MENOMINEE                   |                                      | <b>COUNTY:</b> MENOMINEE         |
| <b>CONTACT:</b> Josh Nemetz , Manager    |                                      | <b>ACTIVITY DATE:</b> 08/16/2023 |
| <b>STAFF:</b> Lauren Luce                | <b>COMPLIANCE STATUS:</b> Compliance | <b>SOURCE CLASS:</b> MINOR       |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b> Targeted Inspection FY23 |                                      |                                  |
| <b>RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:</b>              |                                      |                                  |

**Facility:** Iron City Enterprises

**Location:** Co Rd 338, Menominee County, MI

**Contact:** Josh Nemetz, Manager, 715-923-2211

### Regulatory Authority

*Under the Authority of Section 5526 of Part 55 of NREPA, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy may upon the presentation of their card, and stating the authority and purpose of the investigation, enter and inspect any property at reasonable times for the purpose of investigating either an actual or suspected source of air pollution or ascertaining compliance or noncompliance with NREPA, Rules promulgated thereunder, and the federal Clean Air Act.*

### Facility Description

Iron City Enterprises (ICE) is a construction company based out of Menominee, MI. The company provides services in the septic tank, concrete, and aggregate industries. For aggregate, ICE operates a portable nonmetallic crusher plant throughout the Upper Peninsula.

### Process Description

A crushing plant produces smaller size aggregate from larger size rock. The final product can be used for a variety of applications from infrastructure projects to residential landscape purposes. A crushing plant can consist of loaders, haul trucks, generators, crushers, screens, conveyors, and stockpiles. The plant is normally located within a quarry, crushing stone that was generated from blasting. The process begins with large size rocks being fed into the primary crusher via loader, producing an initial size product. From the primary crusher, the product can be conveyed into a screen plant that separates the crushed aggregate into various sized products. Smaller size material is filtered out and leaves on separate conveyors to stockpiles, while larger size material continues into the secondary crusher. A secondary crusher will break the aggregate down into smaller sizes before it enters the screen plant again or continues down the line to a tertiary screen and crusher. A crushing plant may have several crushers, screens, and conveyors depending on how many sizes of aggregate are to be produced.

### Emissions

Stone crushing and processing operations can cause point and fugitive emissions of PM, PM10, and PM2.5. Emissions from process operations should be considered fugitive unless the source of

emissions is vented through a force-air vent or stack. Fugitive sources of emissions are generated from machine movement and wind erosion. Emission sources can include hauling, crushing, screening, and transferring of material. The primary factors affecting PM emissions are wind and moisture content of the material. Spray bars on crushers and screens, along with the use of dust suppressants on roadways reduces fugitive dust emissions from activity by 60% to 85%. Moisture on the surface of the material can cause fine particles to adhere resulting in a dust suppression effect.

### Emissions Reporting

The facility is subject to the federal New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) Subpart OOO – Standards of Performance for Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants and is required to report its annual emissions to Michigan Air Emissions Reporting System (MAERS). The following table lists the source total emissions for the reporting year 2022.

| Pollutant    | Emissions (PPY) |
|--------------|-----------------|
| PM 10 FLTRBL | 1889.80         |

### Compliance History

The facility was last inspected on 08/04/2022 and received a violation notice for not submitting (4) quarterly reports as required by ACO AQD No. 2021-12. The source was issued a violation notice on 08/21/2020 for not having a permit for the portable crushing plant and not being in compliance with 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart OOO. An administrative content order (ACO) was issued in July 2021.

### Regulatory Analysis

ICE is subject to Permit to Install (PTI) No. 181-20D for a portable non-metallic crushing plant. The facility is considered a true minor source because the potential-to-emit (PTE) of all regulated air pollutants is less than the major source thresholds. The facility is subject to NSPS Subpart OOO by having a portable crushing plant with a crushing capacity of greater than 150 tons/hr and equipment that has been constructed after August 31, 1983. The facility is also subject to ACO AQD No. 2021-12.

### Inspection

On August 16, 2023, AQD Staff (Lauren Luce) conducted a targeted inspection on Iron City Enterprises at the 338 Pit in Menominee, MI. The pit is located north of the City of Menominee near Wallace on County Road 338 in Menominee County. AQD Staff arrived at the facility and met with Josh Nemetz, Manager of ICE. It was explained that the purpose of the inspection was to ensure compliance with PTI No. 181-20D, ACO AQD No. 2021-12, and all other state air pollution control rules and federal regulations. The inspection began by checking for visible

emissions. Operations, on-site equipment, and records were then discussed, and a walkthrough of the process and equipment was provided.

Process equipment was inspected for labels and water sprays where required. Water sprays were observed on required equipment. The table below lists the equipment that was observed on-site and labeled. Visible emission test records were provided via email following the inspection for each piece of crushing equipment on-site. All equipment passed the tests for their opacity limits.

| Equipment          | Label | VE Tested            |
|--------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Allis Jaw Crusher  | 107   | 12/1/08              |
| Allis Cone Crusher | 108   | 5/25/23              |
| Conveyor           | 6     | 6/1/21               |
| Conveyor           | 14    | 6/1/21               |
| Conveyor           | 18    | MFG before 8/31/1983 |
| Allis Screen       | 111   | 5/25/23              |

The plant was operating and making gravel at the time of arrival. The drop heights from conveyors to transfer points were kept low to minimize dust. No visible emissions were observed from the storage piles or roadways. No exceedances of visible emissions were observed from any equipment. Additional equipment on-site included a diesel engine for power generation and a front-end loader. A water truck was also on-site.

The facility is keeping track of the amount of material crushed on a daily basis. Total throughput for 2022 was 188,980 tons. Total throughput for 1/1/23-8/17/2023 is 92,338 tons. No asbestos tailings or asbestos-containing waste materials are processed through the plant.

Per the ACO, the facility has submitted the 4 quarterly reports containing the monitoring and recordkeeping requirements as described in Section IV FGCRUSHING in PTI No. 18-20D.

The facility has been timely in submitting EQP5757 forms for relocation notices.

### Compliance

Based on this inspection, it appears Iron City Enterprises is in compliance with PTI No. 181-20D, ACO AQD No. 2021-12, and all other state air pollution control rules and federal regulations. It was conveyed to the facility that no violations were observed during the inspection.



Image 1: Allis screen and conveyors

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DATE 8-23-2023

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