

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

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FACILITY: Bandit Industries		SRN / ID: P1408
LOCATION: 2253 ENTERPRISE DRIVE, MOUNT PLEASANT		DISTRICT: Bay City
CITY: MOUNT PLEASANT		COUNTY: ISABELLA
CONTACT: Tony Near, EHS		ACTIVITY DATE: 07/11/2023
STAFF: Benjamin Witkopp	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS:
SUBJECT: Check on new facility		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On July, 11, 2023, Ben Witkopp of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy - Air Quality Division (AQD) stopped by to check a new business located in Mt Pleasant. The new business was Bandit Industries. Bandit is headquartered in Remus where the bulk of production is performed. It also has a smaller manufacturing facility located north of Winn Michigan. Bandit makes a variety of machines used to chip wood or perform other functions dealing with trees, stumps etc. Sizes vary from those used primarily by municipalities to large industrial sized units capable of chipping large whole trees.

The facility in Mt Pleasant is located on Enterprise Drive at the site previously owned by Burch Tank and Truck. Burch's headquarters and main operation were on the north end of the parcel. Bandit has centered its current operation on the south end of the parcel which Burch had previously leased out before selling the entire parcel to Bandit.

The facility environmental / safety contact was Mr. Tony Near. Tony previously worked at a firm owned by Burch. When Burch closed operations, employees were offered the opportunity to join Bandit. At this point in time, operations consist of refurbishing units and making portions of units eventually finished at the other Bandit locations. No painting occurs at the location. Basic metal working / machining is done which is exempt under rule 285(2)(i) and (i)(vi). The operation has emissions which are released only into the general in-plant environment.

Tony said the other buildings on the property are being cleaned out for potential use by Bandit for storage or production. He stated eventually the site may be dedicated to manufacturing a single model or line of equipment but that remains to be determined.

Discussions ensued concerning AQD regulations including details of exemptions and when permitting is triggered. He was later furnished with links to such information.

At the time of the visit the facility was considered to be in compliance.

NAME B. Witkopp

DATE 9/26/23

SUPERVISOR C. Near