

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

U3314700626018

FACILITY: DBI Office Interiors		SRN / ID: U33147006
LOCATION: 500 N Larch St, Lansing		DISTRICT: Lansing
CITY: Lansing		COUNTY: INGHAM
CONTACT: George Snyder,		ACTIVITY DATE: 07/18/2014
STAFF: Brian Culham	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS:
SUBJECT: Investigate observations made by AQD staff of excessive opacity. Attempt to determine source/emission unit.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

George Snyder, Owner [george.snyder@dbiyes.com](mailto:george.snyder@dbiyes.com)

Observations of excessive opacity from Kamens Auto Parts were reported to the Lansing District Office by AQD Central staff. The location was Larch Street near Saginaw.

I arrived in the area with Michele Luplow at about 3:00 pm. There was no obvious opacity, but the odor from a wood fire was experienced. I stopped at Kamens and was told that the company next door was burning wood. I proceeded to the next building, DBI Office Interiors.

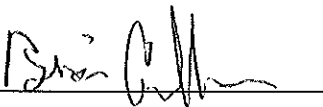
At DBI I was told that the person that I needed to talk to was named Rock Sellers and I was given directions to his office in the warehouse.

R. Sellers stated that DBI had installed a Pallet Burner last April. I asked to see the device. I was shown a new outside wood burner labeled "Pallet Burner". The device was in operation. The unit was rated at 340,000 btu/hr. At that time there was no visible opacity. The stack appeared to be close to 30 feet, and just cleared the warehouse. R. Sellers stated that they have already planned to extend the stack. An abundance of pallets were stored in the area intended as fuel. M. Luplow identified some office furniture as well. R. Sellers denied that the furniture was to be used as fuel.

I explained that furnaces or heaters that combust wood, wood residue, and wood waste that is not painted or treated, and does not contain more than 25% manufactured wood boards (plywood) can be operated with out obtaining a permit from the AQD; however the furnace must be used for comfort heating. I stated that operation for the purpose of waste disposal is considered incineration and a permit is required when that is the purpose. R. Sellers took me into the warehouse. I stood under one of the registers. The air was about 110 °F., the outside temperature was about 80 °F.

R. Sellers stated that I need to contact George Snyder at the main office about regulatory issues.

At approximately 3:30 I contacted George Snyder by phone. I explained the Rule 282(b)(iii) exemption as stated above. I informed G. Snyder that it appeared that the furnace was being used as an incinerator. He told me that was not the original intent of the furnace. He stated that he would clarify the current policy for the furnace and insure that it was used only for the purpose of generating heat.

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