

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

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FACILITY: Arnets, Inc.		SRN / ID: M3983
LOCATION: 4495 Jackson Rd, ANN ARBOR		DISTRICT: Jackson
CITY: ANN ARBOR		COUNTY: WASHTENAW
CONTACT: Caryl J. Arnet, President		ACTIVITY DATE: 03/16/2017
STAFF: Diane Kavanaugh-Vetort	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Conducted self initiation inspection following information obtained regarding sale of company. A Grand Rapids Monument maker, Patten Monuments, bought the cemetery memorials and products related services business in December 2016.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

ARTICLE ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT: A Grand Rapids Monument maker, Patten Monuments, bought the cemetery memorials and products related services business in December 2016.

NOTE: There are two SRNs associated with this company: M3983 and N6982. Main report is here and reference will be added to MACES N6982.

On March 16, 2017, I conducted a self initiated inspection of the Arnets Inc. location in Ann Arbor. The facility has permits for three Crematory incinerators, two human retorts and one pet retort. The parent company is Arnets, however two individual companies were created to operate cremations.

Southern Michigan Crematory SRN M3983: Two Human crematory incinerators, Permits to Install (PTI) Nos. 44-72I and 17-82I

A & M Pet Crematory & Memorials SRN N6982: One Pet crematory incinerator, PTI No. 92-01

I met Caryl Arnet, former owner/operator, and now sales/management, at their new office 50600 Jackson Road, Suite H., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. This is a showroom for cemetery monuments. The former Arnets, Inc. facility location has been sold. I drove to that location initially and observed it was shutdown, empty front office area, and was signed directing people to the 50600 location.

Caryl stated that the crematories have not operated since December 2016. She said she sold the Pet Crematory to an Ypsilanti company called "Whispering Pines Pet Cemetery" (owners names Dee & Tom). As far as she is aware they obtained a new permit for it and plan to remove it from the existing location soon.

Following the inspection I verified that the new owner has obtained an AQD permit and plans to relocate the Unit. An AQD inspector has been to that facility recently and is aware of the permit. I discussed the former Arnets location /company with him.

Per Caryl, she is still trying to find someone to buy the two human Units. They are very old and she thinks it is unlikely. However she currently has two potential options in the works. There are no operations ongoing at the site. The Grand Rapids-based Pattern Monuments company that bought Arnets is operating the monument manufacturing business in Grand Rapids. Caryl said the existing property has been sold, was in a family trust, and is being finalized. It will become a medical complex of some type as she understands it.

I explained to Caryl that the existing permits will need to be voided and I would need to verify the Units as rendered inoperable or dismantled in place or removed. It sounded as if this will need to be revisited in the near future.

COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

Arnets is a closed facility and has been marked not operational in MACES. Future contact will be made with Caryl Arnet at the new office location to follow up on voiding the PTIs.

NAME *Ryan K. Velez* DATE *3/20/17* SUPERVISOR *SV*