

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

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FACILITY: TUSCOLA ENERGY - NIXON FARMS		SRN / ID: N1586
LOCATION: 7611 BAY CITY FORESTVILLE RD, AKRON		DISTRICT: Saginaw Bay
CITY: AKRON		COUNTY: TUSCOLA
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 09/12/2018
STAFF: Benjamin Witkopp	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Non Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: SM OPT OUT
SUBJECT: Site visit with OGMD staff		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Ben Witkopp and Andrew Kent of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) - Air Quality and Oil, Gas, and Minerals Divisions (AQD & OGMD) respectively stopped at the Nixon Farms crude oil production facility.

At the time the wind shroud at the top of the flare was tilted and in bad shape. That is a violation of permit 20-12 B condition IV 2 which requires a properly engineered flare. In addition, Andrew noted a spill at the north end of the drip tank which is located in series in the produced gas line going to the flare. The drip tank is there to knock out moisture and prevent potential liquids from going to the flare, helping to ensure its proper operation. Andrew notified the company of the spill at the drip tank.

On Sept 20, 2018 Andrew found that the company let the tank sit there, but, rather than install a replacement drip tank, just ran the line straight to the flare without the benefit of a drip tank. That is a violation of the previously cited permit condition.

October 17, 2018 update - Andrew found there still was not a drip tank connected in the produced gas line going to the flare.

October 30, 2018 update - Andrew said there was no change.

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