

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT: Scheduled Inspection**

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| FACILITY: AJAX PAVING INDUSTRIES INC | | SRN / ID: N5903 |
| LOCATION: 14950 FIFTEEN MILE RD, STERLING HTS | | DISTRICT: Southeast Michigan |
| CITY: STERLING HTS | | COUNTY: MACOMB |
| CONTACT: Christine Poe , | | ACTIVITY DATE: 04/24/2017 |
| STAFF: Kerry Kelly | COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance | SOURCE CLASS: Minor |
| SUBJECT: | | |
| RESOLVED COMPLAINTS: | | |

On April 24, 2017, I (Kerry Kelly, MDEQ-AQD) and Tyler Salamasick (MDEQ-AQD) conducted a targeted inspection at 14950 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan. The purpose of this inspection was to determine the facility's compliance with the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act; Article II, Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451); Permit to Install 197-96; and Michigan's Air Pollution Control Rules.

FACILITY OVERVIEW

In May 1996, Ajax Paving Industries began operating a portable concrete batch plant at this 14950 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, MI. Permit to Install (PTI) 197-96 was issued to Ajax on May 29, 1996, for a 1971 Erie Strayer portable concrete batch plant located at this address. According to a letter from Ajax dated June 1, 1999 (attachment 1), the Erie Strayer portable concrete batch plant covered in PTI 197-96 had been removed from the site in October 1996. In addition, the letter stated the Erie Strayer plant had been sold and is no longer operated by Ajax Paving Industries.

INSPECTION

Tyler and I arrived at 14950 15 Mile Road at approximately 1:00 PM on April 24, 2017. Upon arrival at 15 Mile and Fontana Drive, Tyler and I observed activity related to the reconstruction of a sewer intercept located under 15 Mile Road. The sewer intercept failed in approximately December 2016, causing a sink hole to form along 15 Mile Road between Hayes and Utica Roads. I did not observe a portable concrete batch plant at 14950 15 Mile Road (attachment 2) or on 15 Mile between Hayes and Utica Roads. Tyler and I did observe a McCoig mixed agitator leased to Eastside Concrete near 15 Mile and Eberlein Drive (attachment 3).

On April 26, 2017, I received an email from Ms. Christine Poe, Vice-President, Concrete/EEO Officer (attachment 4), stating Mr. Mark Johnston, President, recalls the Erie Strayer plant being "traded in to the manufacturer (Erie Strayer) on a new batch plant." One of the conditions of the trade, according to the email, "was that this plant had to leave the state [of Michigan] and not be sold a competitor." In addition, Mr. Johnston "is quite certain that the condition was met by Erie Strayer."

CONCLUSION

It appears the Erie Strayer portable concrete batch plant permitted in PTI 197-196, and previously operated by Ajax Paving Industries at 14950 15 Mile Road in Sterling Heights, MI, is no longer located at 14950 15 Mile Road or in Michigan. In addition, the July 1, 2003 version of R 336.1289 exemption from the requirement to obtain a PTI was expanded to include concrete batch plants. I have requested AQD Permit Section void PTI 197-96 (attachment 1) because it appears the Erie Strayer portable concrete batch plant, permitted in PTI 197-96, is no longer operating in Michigan (attachment 5).

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DATE 5/3/17

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