

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

N733169111

FACILITY: FAIR ENERGIES INC.		SRN / ID: N7331
LOCATION: T14N, R5E, SECTION 7, BANGOR TWP		DISTRICT: Bay City
CITY: BANGOR TWP		COUNTY: BAY
CONTACT: Jim French, Operator		ACTIVITY DATE: 09/08/2023
STAFF: Benjamin Witkopp	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Inspection of the Edmond Doan crude oil production facility		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Ben Witkopp of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) - Air Quality Division (AQD) went to the Edmond Doan site on Friday evening September 8, 2023. The site is operated by Jim French of Fair Energies. It is in Bay County, east of Two Mile Road and southeast of Wheeler Road. The Edmond Doan is a sour oil production facility which Jim operates as a flowing well. He was not present nor flowing the well at the time. The site is permitted by air use permit to install 56-04 and covers the separator, storage tank, and flare.

The permit does not contain an emission or feed rate limit as its permit application provided its maximum. If the well is re-worked or completed to another zone, then re-permitting would be required. Permit requirements do not include a shut-down system in case of pilot flame failure. In lieu of this, requirements are in place to have the flare burning before, during, and after flowing the well. A small propane tank provides sweet gas for the pilot and an ignitor is present at the base of the flare. An operator is to be on site monitoring the flare too. In case of flame failure, the well is to be shut in if it was flowing. If the failure occurs after it is done flowing the operator is to re-ignite the flare. Once the well completes flowing, it is closed in. The separator and tank are vented to the flare.

The facility did not appear to have been used for some time. On Tuesday September 19, 2023, I connected with Jim. He confirmed he basically does not use the well. Though it is fully capable of producing oil he said the close presence of a building to the south causes him to be reluctant due to potential odor concerns. The well had been in place for many years prior to the building's construction.

The facility is considered to be in compliance.

NAME B. Witkopp

DATE 9/19/23

SUPERVISOR C. Ware