

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

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FACILITY: ePaint Recycling, Incorporated		SRN / ID: P0407
LOCATION: 56 LEONARDWOOD DR, BATTLE CREEK		DISTRICT: Kalamazoo
CITY: BATTLE CREEK		COUNTY: CALHOUN
CONTACT: Jim Cosby , President		ACTIVITY DATE: 08/15/2024
STAFF: Jared Edgerton	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS:
SUBJECT: Unannounced Air Quality Inspection		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On August 15, 2024, Air Quality Division (AQD) staff (Jared Edgerton) arrived at 551 West Michigan Avenue, Battle Creek Michigan at 1:45 PM to investigate whether or not the building located at the above address was still under the ownership of Jim Cosby, Epaint Recycling, LLC. At the time of inspection, this business had moved from this address to a location in Kalamazoo. AQD staff (Michael Cox) conducted an inspection of the new facility, and a report of his inspection is complete. The purpose of the inspection in Battle Creek was to determine whether Epaint still had ownership of the West Michigan Avenue location with equipment still installed or if a new company had taken over the space for their own operation. Epaint Recycling, LLC was issued Permit to Install (PTI) number 183-12A in 2013 for the original site of the facility at 56 Leonardwood Drive, Battle Creek Michigan.

At the 551 West Michigan Avenue location, staff drove around a very derelict building. This building looked as if it had been abandoned for years, with broken windows and trash spread throughout the parking lot. It was apparent to staff that no business, including Epaint, is currently using this building. Staff left the location to investigate the 56 Leonardwood Drive location. This address is just across the street from another business called Mannetron. When driving up the street, AQD staff noted a building across a field from Mannetron that had an address of 24 Leonardwood Drive. This is not the correct address for the Epaint Facility. Mannetron also owns a 57 Leonardwood drive building, which is used as a storage building. 56 Leonardwood Drive was just a field, with no building. Staff later confirmed through old Google Earth photos that the building must have been demolished and left as the field seen today. This permit can be voided, and a new permit must be obtained for the Kalamazoo location of Epaint Recycling, LLC.

**Conclusion:**

Because Epaint no longer occupies either of the Battle Creek locations, including the location associated with PTI 183-12, this permit will be voided. Staff concluded the investigation at 2:30 PM. -JLE

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