

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

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FACILITY: Ford Motor Company - Blue Oval Battery Plant		SRN / ID: P1376
LOCATION: 13700 W MICHIGAN AVENUE, MARSHALL		DISTRICT: Kalamazoo
CITY: MARSHALL		COUNTY: CALHOUN
CONTACT: Ron Streight , Air Policy Manager		ACTIVITY DATE: 08/27/2024
STAFF: Jared Edgerton	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS:
SUBJECT: Complaint investigation at the Ford Blue Oval Plant. Complaint was received by phone and investigated the same day. Additional complaints and investigations are necessary before further action can be taken.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On August 27, 2024, Air Quality Division (AQD) staff, Jared Edgerton conducted a complaint investigation of alleged particulate matter coming from the Ford Motor Company's Blue Oval Battery Plant. A complaint was received by phone at 3:15 PM on the same day as the investigation. AQD staff gathered information from the complainant who stated that an extreme amount of dust from the facility was traveling across the road into his yard. He was concerned that the battery plant was not properly watering the roadways enough. It appears that the dust was occurring for a few hours before the complaint was received by staff. Staff arrived at the complainant's residence at approximately 4:15 PM on the 27th. Winds were coming from the WNW at 12 mph, with temperatures in the mid 80's. As staff went to greet the complainant, a large thunderstorm came in, causing a downpour of rain. Staff told the complainant that they would drive around the Blue Oval Plant to see if any dust could be seen. It was obvious to both staff and the complainant that no dust would be observed today due to all the rain soaking the area around the plant. Staff did not see any dust on the drive to the residence, before the rain reached the area. Staff spent the next 20 minutes driving around the plant with torrential rainfall occurring. No violation could be observed, and this was relayed to the complainant over the phone. AQD staff stated that if any other issues occur in the following days, they will come out to investigate as soon as possible.

In the professional judgement of AQD staff, the dust was not observable or at a sufficient intensity to be considered a violation. Additional complaints and investigations are necessary before further action can be taken. The investigation was concluded at 4:45 PM. -JLE

NAME J. Edgerton

DATE 9-30-24

SUPERVISOR Monica Brothers