

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
AIR QUALITY DIVISION  
ACTIVITY REPORT: Complaint Investigation

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<b>FACILITY:</b> GRAPHIC PACKAGING INTERNATIONAL LLC		<b>SRN / ID:</b> B1678
<b>LOCATION:</b> 1500 N. PITCHER ST., KALAMAZOO		<b>DISTRICT:</b> Kalamazoo
<b>CITY:</b> KALAMAZOO		<b>COUNTY:</b> KALAMAZOO
<b>CONTACT:</b> Steven Smock , Environmental Manager		<b>ACTIVITY DATE:</b> 12/14/2022
<b>STAFF:</b> Monica Brothers	<b>COMPLIANCE STATUS:</b> Non Compliance	<b>SOURCE CLASS:</b> MAJOR
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Investigation of five odor complaints that were submitted to EGLE on 12/14/22.		
<b>RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:</b>		

Staff, Monica Brothers, arrived on-site at Krom and Prouty Park in the Northside neighborhood at 6:45 pm. Winds varied from the ESE to E at that time. Upon arrival at the park, I could smell wet cardboard odors at about a level 2 on the 0-5 odor scale. I proceeded north on Krom street and smelled the same consistent odors until I stopped on Krom Street between Hopkins and Herbert Streets where odors were stronger. I stayed at this location for about 30 minutes and odors were consistently at a level 3. I observed the stacks at GPI from this location and could see that the steam plumes were downwashing from their exit points and moving toward where I was parked in the Northside neighborhood. I then drove down Burdick Street, Union Street, and Rose Street between Dunkley Street and Hopkins Street and observed the same level 3 odors as I did on Krom Street. I then drove back over to Krom Street between Hopkins and Herbert Streets and observed level 3 odors consistently again at that location for the next 20 minutes.

I then went to Northglade Montessori to assess the odors in that area since some of the complaints came from that location. Upon arrival at Northglade Montessori, I did detect the same wet cardboard odors. However, the odors were less intense (about a 1 on the odor scale) than in the Northside neighborhood. I left the area around 8:00 pm. In the professional judgement of Air Quality Division staff, odors observed in the Northside neighborhood during this odor investigation were of sufficient intensity and duration to be considered a violation of Rule 901. A violation notice will be sent.

NAME Monica BrothersDATE 12/15/2022SUPERVISOR RAJ 12/16/2022