

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT: Self Initiated Inspection

M361538573

FACILITY: American Manufacturing, Inc.		SRN / ID: M3615
LOCATION: 5835 Fisher Road, HOWELL		DISTRICT: Lansing
CITY: HOWELL		COUNTY: LIVINGSTON
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 01/23/2017
STAFF: Nathaniel Hude	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS:
SUBJECT: Self initiated inspection conducted due to older permits and no recent inspection activity.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Inspection Report

M3615- American Manufacturing
5835 Fisher Road
Howell, MI 48843

Inspection Date:

1/23/17

Facility Contacts:**MDEQ AQD Personnel:**Nathan Hude – 517-284-6779, huden@michigan.gov**Facility Description:**

This facility appears to no longer be in operation. At one time, the facility manufactured and painted automotive plant assembly racks and had two PTI's: 616-95 for three spray application painting booths, and 2-851 for two wood burning heating stoves.

The facility is located on Fisher Road, which is dirt/gravel. The entry drive is gated and is dirt as well. The sign states that trucks must back down the drive for entry, I'm assuming due to a lack of turn around space. Looking at satellite imagery, the facility is bordered by Bogue Creek to the west; farm land, forested land, and sporadic residential structures to the north, east, and south.

Applicable Regulations:

PIT 2-851 for two wood burning heating stoves
PTI 616-95 for three spray application painting booths

Previous Inspections:

Most recent being 9/2/97 by Paul Sundeen, no violations noted

Previous Violations:

None found on record

Recent Complaints (within 2 years):

None found on record

Number of Violations Found During this Inspection:

none

Inspection Key Concerns:

None

MAERS Reporting

No, not applicable

MAERS Emission Unit List

None

Inspection Summary

This was an attempted scheduled yet unannounced inspection. Upon arrival, the gate was closed and the business sign had graffiti spray painted on it. The drive looks used, yet not conducive to semi-truck traffic. Satellite imagery from Google shows a building with trees overreaching the parking areas and portions of the building itself with many metal looking racks outside. It appears that several homes nearby are connected by drives to this facility, though I did not approach any of them. A internet search found Charles Gotberg listed as the company President which is the same as the 616-95 permit file, yet provided a phone of (517) 546-6313 which is different than the permit file phone number of (810) 471-3735. This search also produced information stating the estimated number of employees to be 25 and the annual sales estimate to be \$5,475,000. A actual company website could not be found, but all of this information was found at:

<http://www.whereorg.com/american-manufacturing-7554076>

Upon my return to the office, I will attempt to make contact using both numbers.

On 1/26/17, I called 313-356-6559 associated with the 2-85I permit application and received a message stating the number was disconnected. I also called 810-471-3735 associated with the 616-95 permit application; the call went right to voicemail which I left informing why I was calling and asking to return my call.

Based on my efforts, I do not believe this company is operational. I will wait until February 6, 2017 for a reply and if one is not received proceed with voiding the permits.

As of February 7, 2017, my call has not been returned. I will request the permits be voided and the void letter to be sent to the facility address in hopes that it is either forwarded to the owner or an appropriate PO Box.

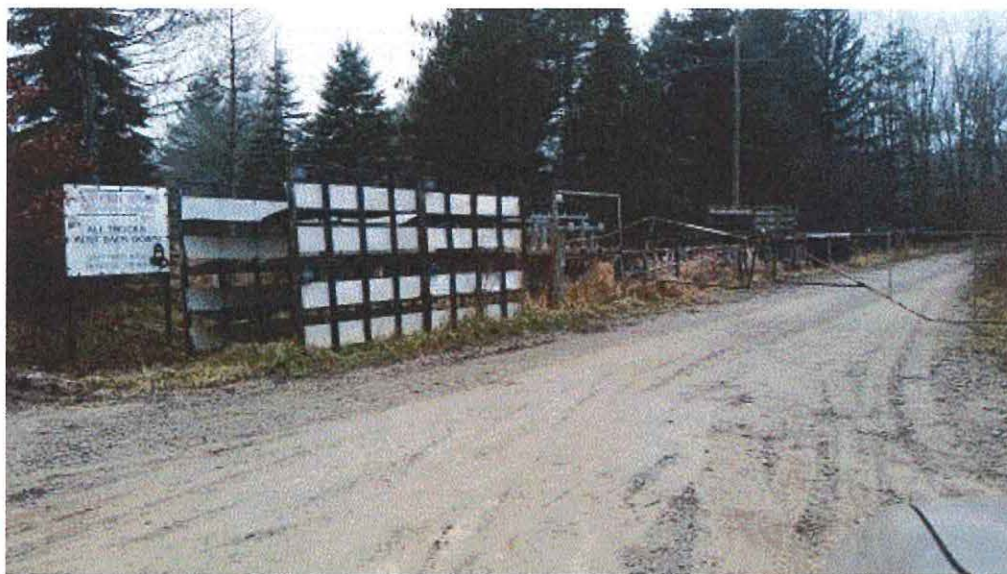


Image 1(Facility drive/gate) : American Manufacturing front entrance. Company sign with graffiti states: "All Trucks Must Back Down!"



Image 2(Aerial Image) : Aerial Image with notes

NAME *A. Miller*

DATE *2/7/17*

SUPERVISOR *B.M.*