

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

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FACILITY: GRAND RAPIDS STRIPPING CO		SRN / ID: N3223
LOCATION: 1933 WILL AVE NW, GRAND RAPIDS		DISTRICT: Grand Rapids
CITY: GRAND RAPIDS		COUNTY: KENT
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 08/31/2021
STAFF: Michael Cox	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Scheduled unannounced Inspection		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On Tuesday August 31, 2021, AQD Staff Michael Cox conducted an unannounced scheduled inspection of Grand Rapids Stripping Company located at 1933 Will Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49544. The purpose of this inspection was to verify compliance with Permit to Install No. 290-07A and all other applicable air quality rules and regulations. Michael Cox arrived on site at approximately 4:30 pm and contacted Mr. Hithanue Parnell to conduct the inspection. No visible emissions or odors were noted upon arrival.

Facility Description:

Grand Rapids Stripping Company is a stripping facility that strips off grease, oil and cured paints, which primarily consists of powder coating, from metal parts. Most of the metal parts come from chair manufacturing facilities in the Grand Rapids area. Grand Rapids Stripping Company utilizes three burn-off ovens with afterburner control to strip the metal parts. Historically, Grand Rapids Stripping Company operated two loads a day, five to six days a week.

Regulatory Overview:

Grand Rapids Stripping Company operates under Permit to Install (PTI) No. 290-07A and is not subject to any federal regulations.

Compliance Evaluation:

After arriving on site, Michael Cox (MTC) contacted Mr. Hithanue Parnell, new owner of facility equipment, and presented a State of Michigan identification card and informed him of the intent of the inspection. We met inside the facility where historically stripping had occurred. MTC questioned Mr. Parnell on the status of the facility. Mr. Parnell stated that the facility is now closed and he had bought the three burn-off ovens from Mr. Jeffery Newberry, former president of Grand Rapids Stripping, to start his own business at another location. Mr. Parnell also stated that the facility building and location was bought by a marijuana dispensing facility that

was to take possession on Sunday September 5, 2021 and he was on-site to dismantle the ovens and take other process equipment that he had purchased. Two of the three ovens that were on-site had already been dismantled and removed from the facility. These ovens were EUBURNOFF2 (Pollution Control Products Company Model 390) and EUBURNOFF3 (Pollution Control Products Company Model PTR 340). EUBlu-Surf (Blu-Surf Burn-off oven Model 6612) was noted to still be on-site, but was in the process of being dismantled. No production was taking place at the facility and an exact cease of production date could not be determined. Records to review previous production limits, maintenance of the burn-off ovens, calibration records of the chart recorders, and temperatures of the burn-off ovens during production could not be obtained. Since Mr. Parnell stated that he was purchasing the burn-off ovens to start his own business a Permit to Install Application was provided to Mr. Parnell and was asked to fill out and submit prior to installing and operating the burn-off ovens. Mr. Parnell stated that he would submit the PTI Application as soon as possible. A future address for Mr. Parnell's new business could not be obtained as he did not have a building purchased or rented for the process as of this inspection, but would be included in the PTI Application. A PTI Application from Mr. Parnell is expected to be submitted to the Division at a later date.

Compliance Determination:

Based on the on-site evaluation, Grand Rapids Stripping Company was noted to be closed and process equipment was noted to be removed or in the process of removal. No visible emissions or odors related to the facility were noted. This facility can be marked as permanently closed for SRN: N3223 and PTI No. 290-07A can be voided.

NAME Michael T. Cox

DATE 9/14/2021

SUPERVISOR HH