

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT: Scheduled Inspection

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FACILITY: P&L Metal Fabricators		SRN / ID: N5762
LOCATION: 6200 LAURENCE HOBEY DR, OSCODA		DISTRICT: Saginaw Bay
CITY: OSCODA		COUNTY: IOSCO
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 08/09/2016
STAFF: Sharon LeBlanc	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: scheduled inspection of formerly permitted SRN. Note new company occupying location is an expansion of existing business located at 4025 Arrow Street. Note that 6200 Laurence Hobey Dr is incorrect. The building numbers have been changed. The new number is 5043 Laurence Hobey Dr. sgl		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On Tuesday, August 9, 2016, AQD District Staff arrived on site to conduct a scheduled site inspection (AKA targeted site inspection) of the former MCHS Precision Inc. Facility, Lawrence Hobey Drive, Oscoda, Michigan. The referenced facility (a division of PCC Olofsson Inc.) (SRN N5762) was permitted for operation of a paint booth under permit to install No. 303-95. The referenced permit was voided on July 20, 1995, and the company reported closed at that location in April 1998.

There is some discrepancy in physical addresses along Lawrence Hobey Drive. Building signs along drive indicate building no.s 5043 (P&L Fabricators) and 5044 (Gary Oil Propane maintenance building). Some internet mapping indicates building numbers in the 6200's for the same buildings. Due to the discrepancy in numbers, both facilities on Lawrence Hobey Drive, Oscoda, Michigan were visited for inspection. The Gary Oil Propane facility is reported independently.

Site inspection activities conducted in October 2011 indicated that location was occupied by Travis Bioflame. The referenced company was starting a cardboard pelleting operation at that time. Representatives from Travis Bioflame at the time of the 2011 inspection confirmed that the previous occupier was MCHS Precision Inc.

The location (5043 Lawrence Hobey Drive, Oscoda Michigan) is presently occupied by P&L Metal Fabricators, and is associated with P&L Development and Manufacturing (P&L) located at 4025 Arrow Street, also on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base. At the time of the August 9, 2016, inspection Mr. David Langley (owner), was reported to be out till Monday, August 15th, 2016.

District Staff requested an opportunity to meet with the new business owner regarding this and two additional buildings occupied by P&L in Oscoda, Michigan. Staff met with Mr. Langley on Tuesday August 23, 2016, discussed the reason for the inspection request, and the AQD permitting process. Buildings visited during the August 23, 2016, event included and will be summarized individually:

- 4025 Arrow Street, Oscoda, Michigan (Former Wurtsmith Air Force Base)
- 4554 Industrial Drive, Oscoda, Michigan (Oscoda Industrial Park), and
- 5043 Lawrence Hobey Drive, Oscoda, Michigan (Former Wurtsmith Air Force Base)

4025 Arrow Street – The facility location deals with small run production. Equipment noted onsite included milling machines (two with mist busters), product assembly related equipment and a small parts washer. No pollution control devices or stacks were noted to be associated with the equipment onsite, and emissions were released into the general in-plant environment.

Appropriate exemption from permitting requirements under Rule 201 would appear to be Rules 281(h) (cold cleaners), 282(b) (space heaters) 285 (i), (j), (l)(i) and (vi)(various metal production equipment), (hh)(hand held aerosol spray cans).

4554 Industrial Drive – This facility location is principally an assembly and tube bending plant. There is one oven to “cook” nylon components as part of the tube bending process onsite. The oven does not have a stack or hood associated with it. Emissions are released into the general in-plant environment. Based on the limited temperature and heating time, as well as discussions with fellow inspectors it appears that the oven is exempt from permitting, though a specific permit exemption was not identified.

5043 Lawrence Hobey Drive – This facility location is a fabrication facility for small run productions. This location is divided into two work areas. One being the general fabrication area where various work stations for different operations (welding, grinding, etc) are conducted in addition, the other area has two powder coating stations and

two small sandblasters (one uses glass beads) with a small dust collector. None of the units have stacks, and any small quantities of emissions are emitted into the general in-plant environment.

Appropriate exemptions from permitting requirements under Rule 201 would appear to be Rules 285 (i), (j), (l)(i) and (vi) (various metal production equipment), (hh) (hand held aerosol spray cans), 287(b) (surface coating process with spray cans), 287(c) (surface coating lines using less than 200 gallons less water per month), and (d) (powder coating booths).

SUMMARY –

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The location (5043 Lawrence Hobey Drive, Oscoda Michigan) is presently occupied by P&L Metal Fabricators, and is associated with P&L Development and Manufacturing (P&L) located at 4025 Arrow Street, Oscoda, Michigan. The facility as well as two others associated with P&L are small run fabricators, with various production equipment all of which emit emissions only into the general in-plant requirement. No Rule 201 violations were noted at the time of the inspection for any of the P&L locations.

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