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

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FACILITY: COPPER COUNT	TRY VETERINARY CLINIC	SRN / ID: N6575
LOCATION: 904 SHARON A	VENUE, HOUGHTON	DISTRICT: Upper Peninsula
CITY: HOUGHTON		COUNTY: HOUGHTON
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 07/01/2014
STAFF: Joe Scanlan	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Unknown	SOURCE CLASS:
SUBJECT: Unannounced vis	it to inspect Burn-Easy animal carcass incinerator	
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On the afternoon of 7/01/2014 I performed an unannounced visit to this facility to inspect the animal incinerator used as a pet crematorium at the clinic. My contacts were office manager Cally Dennis and receptionist Tara Raffaelli.

There were no employees working who were knowledgeable with the facility's Burn-Easy animal incinerator. It was assumed that Ben Tarvainen was still responsible for the operation and maintenance of the incinerator crematorium since he had been in the past. Since Ben was not working that day, I requested to see the unit and Ms. Raffaelli escorted me to the incinerator and left me alone.

The unit is located in a detached accessory building behind the clinic and was not in use at the time of my inspection. While the accessory building looked to be in decent appearance and structurally sound, the unit itself and the surrounding interior were observed to be in poor physical condition and not well maintained. Large sections of scale rust and insulation were flaking off the afterburner jacket. It appeared that a poorly-fitted storm collar was allowing precipitation to enter the opening around the stack and oxidizing the steel body and fittings of the afterburner and primary burn chamber of the unit. Residues of fat and grease lined the floor on either side of the unit. After collecting some photographs, I returned to the front office of the clinic.

Per Special Condition #7 of Permit No. 74-99, I requested to see the monthly cremation records for the incinerator. Cally Dennis made a telephone call to someone off-site to inquire about where to locate the records for the incinerator and then went and retrieved them. Maintenance logs for the incinerator were incomplete, with the last entry admitted January of 2013 or November of 2012. Cremation logs were up-to-date, with the most recent entry being the day prior to my inspection, June 30th, 2014. Three canine carcasses,120 lbs total, were incinerated that day and a total of 624 lbs total for June, canine and feline.

It is not known if the unit is operating as required by PTI #74-99 since I did not observe it in service and there were no knowledgeable staff present to start the incinerator. It is unknown at this time if this unit is operating within the confines of its permit or without violation of the Air Pollution Control Rules.

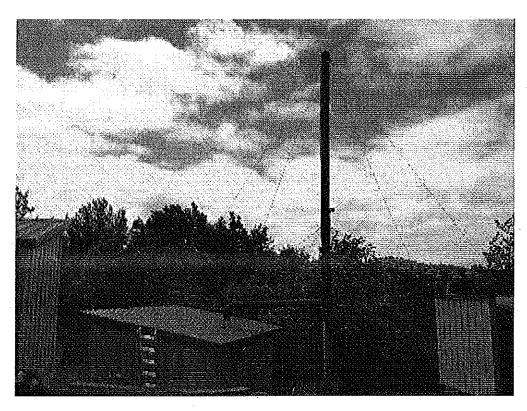


Image 1(ccvc1) : exterior of accessory bldg. f/parking lot

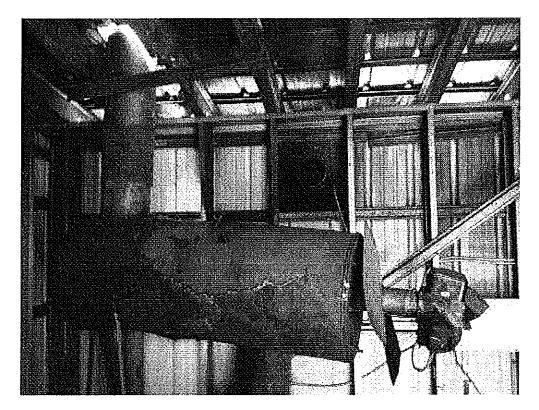


Image 2(ccvc2) : afterburner

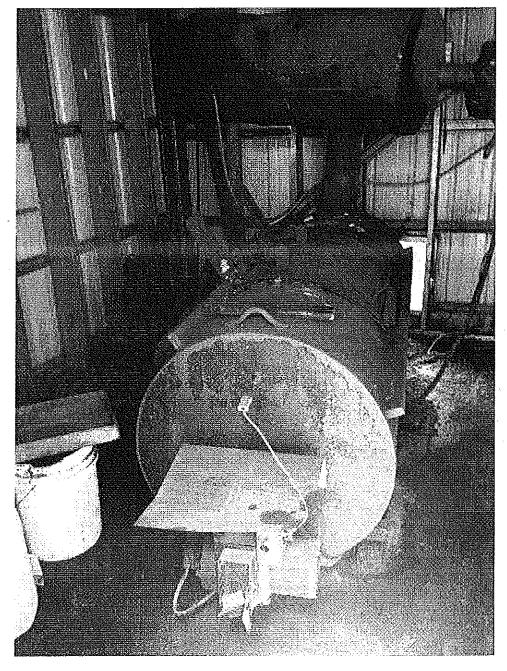


Image 3(ccvc3) : primary burn chamber

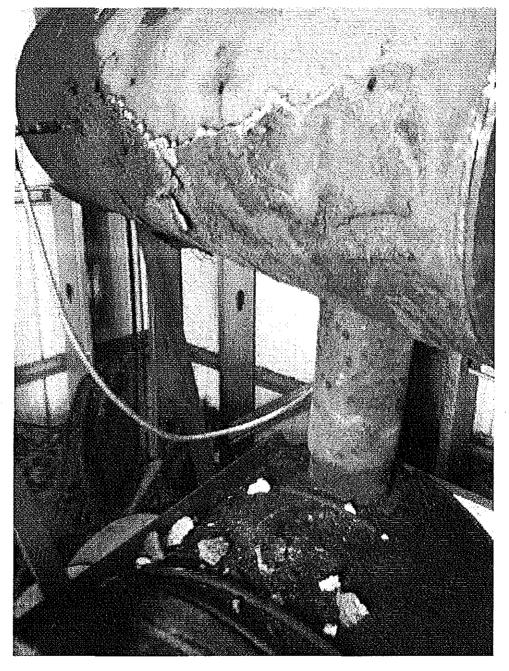


Image 4(ccvc4) : jacket disintegration on afterburner

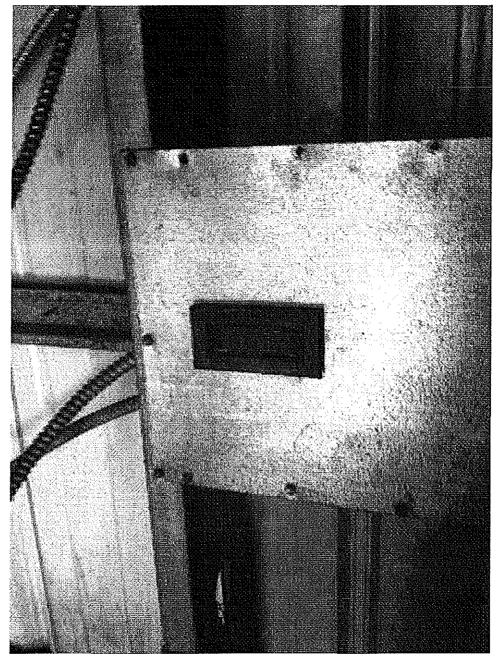


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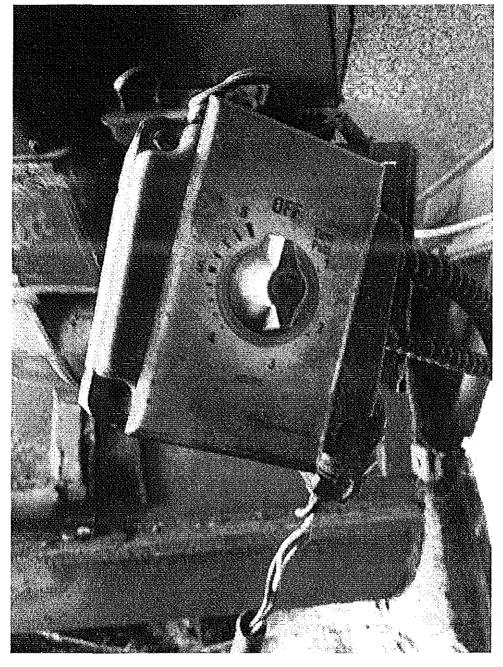


Image 6(ccvc6) : ignition timer

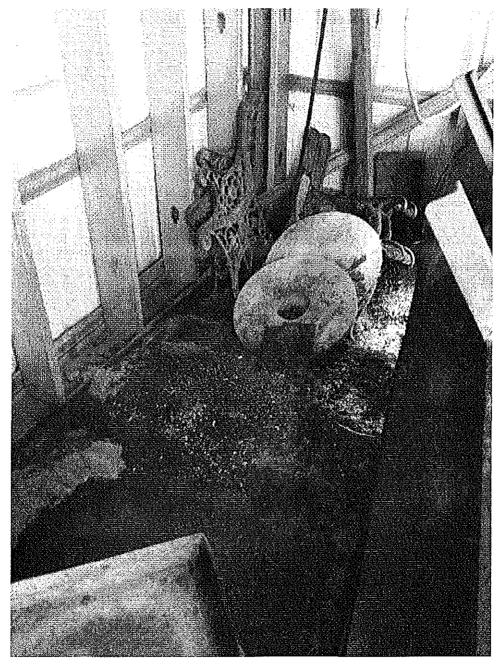


Image 7(ccvc7) : unkempt floor with fat/grease residues

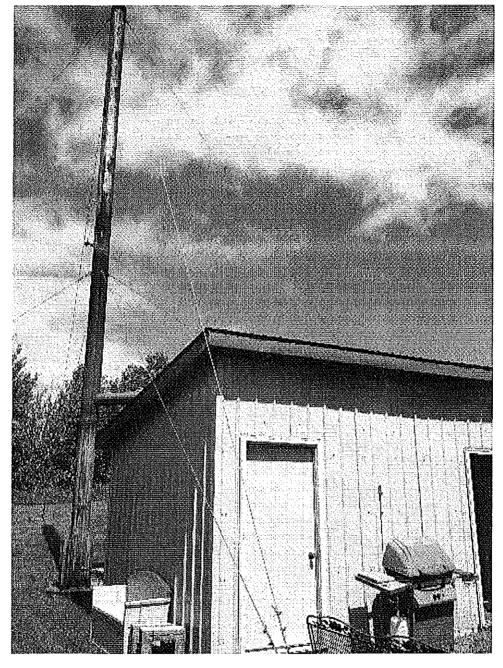


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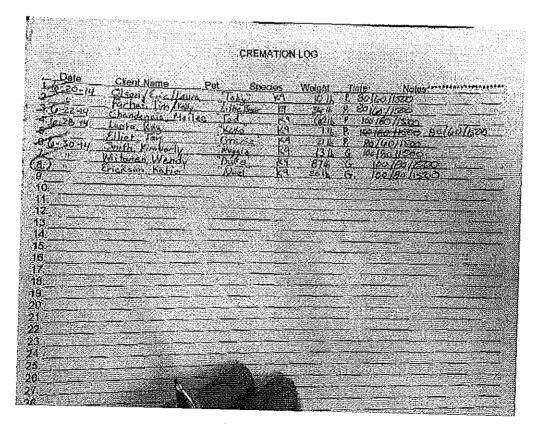


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