

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

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FACILITY: Lone Hickory Hogs LLC		SRN / ID: N7069
LOCATION: 16736 S Avery Rd, THREE OAKS		DISTRICT: Kalamazoo
CITY: THREE OAKS		COUNTY: BERRIEN
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 02/01/2017
STAFF: Matthew Deskins	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS:
SUBJECT: Unannounced Scheduled Inspection		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On February 1, 2017 AQD staff (Matt Deskins) went to conduct an unannounced scheduled inspection of the Lone Hickory Hogs (LHH) facility located in Three Oaks, Berrien County. LHH has an air use permit (PTI No. 270-01) for an animal incinerator. The last document in the correspondence file was an e-mail from the company contact (Tim Sherrill) of LHH stating that they haven't been using the incinerator and that he would let us know if they could get the thing up and running properly. The purpose of the inspection was to determine if LHH still had the incinerator and if being used, were they in compliance with the permit as well as any other state or federal air regulations. Staff departed for the facility at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Staff arrived in the vicinity of LHH at approximately 11:10 a.m. Staff was having a hard time finding the address that matched up on the permit application and ended up stopping at a couple of house but no one answered the door. Staff was finally able to stop a gentleman driving a backhoe down the road and asked if he knew where LHH was located. He pointed out several homes down the road and said that they are all related and operate LHH. Staff then proceeded to another house that he had pointed out and that staff hadn't stopped at already. Staff proceeded to knock on the door and someone answered. Staff asked the person if they happened to be Tim Sherrill and he mentioned that he was Michael Sherrill, Tim's son. Staff introduced them self and gave Michael a business card. Staff mentioned that it had been quite a few years since the AQD had been down to LHH and that they still had an active air permit for an animal incinerator. Michael mentioned that the incinerator had been scrapped years ago because it never worked right. Staff then asked if they could go to where it was located to verify that it had been removed. Michael said that was fine and told staff where it had been located. He then said he would contact his uncle who lives down there to let him know staff would be on the property. Staff thanked Michael for his time.

Staff then proceeded to the area that Michael described and his uncle, Kevin Sherrill, met staff there. Kevin then led staff to a wooden enclosure between two of the hog barns where the incinerator had been housed and there was nothing there. Kevin reiterated what Michael said and that it had been scrapped because it never functioned right. He said that they compost everything now. Staff then thanked Kevin for this time and said he would request that the permit be voided out. Staff departed LHH at approximately 11:50 a.m.

NAME Matt Deskins

DATE 2-2-17

SUPERVISOR MD 2/2/2017