

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

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FACILITY: Highpoint Finishing Solutions, Inc		SRN / ID: N7505
LOCATION: 541 E. ROOSEVELT, ZEELAND		DISTRICT: Grand Rapids
CITY: ZEELAND		COUNTY: OTTAWA
CONTACT: Tracy Boetsma , President		ACTIVITY DATE: 09/20/2016
STAFF: April Lazzaro	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Unannounced, self-initiated inspection.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Staff, April Lazzaro arrived at the facility to conduct an unannounced, unscheduled inspection and met with Richard. Staff presented him with the DEQ Environmental Inspections: Rights and Responsibilities brochure and discussed its contents. I informed Richard that the purpose of the inspection was due to the recent fallout complaints received in the neighborhood, and I wanted to exclude the operations at Highpoint from the investigation. Also, I was interested to see if they were being impacted too.

This facility conducts metal polishing with many small polishers/buffers (hand jacks) and 7 large enclosed heavy duty buffers. They mainly work with aluminum, zinc and stainless steel and produce products for the automotive industry. For particulate matter control, the facility operates two small exempt internally vented baghouses and one larger permitted baghouse. The facility conducts weekly hopper clean out, monthly preventative maintenance, including visual inspections and a more thorough annual inspection. The permitted baghouse can vent externally; which is done during the summer months, or internally which is done during cold weather. At the time of the inspection, it was venting externally. The exhaust point looked clean and free of any buffing compound. It does not appear as though this facility is the cause of fallout in the area. Furthermore, all duct work for the buffing equipment is located inside the building so there is nothing on the roof, for example, that has emissions. The facility does not operate a boiler.

Toward the end of the inspection we were met with Tracy Boetsma, President and I informed him for the reason for the inspection, and that everything looked good from a compliance standpoint. We quickly looked at the cars in the parking lot, and to a lesser extent, they did appear to be impacted by the fallout that has been observed in the area.

The facility was in compliance at the time of the inspection.

NAME  DATE 9-26-16 SUPERVISOR 