

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

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FACILITY: B&B Custom and Production Welding		SRN / ID: P0738
LOCATION: 10391 Spring Arbor Road, SPRING ARBOR		DISTRICT: Jackson
CITY: SPRING ARBOR		COUNTY: JACKSON
CONTACT: Debbie Burk ,		ACTIVITY DATE: 01/09/2020
STAFF: Stephanie Weems	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Scheduled inspection		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

**Minor Source****Facility Contact**

Debbie Burk – Co-owner

**Purpose**

On January 9, 2020, I conducted an unannounced compliance inspection of B&B Custom and Production Welding (formerly Sport Truck USA) located at 10391 Spring Arbor Rd., Spring Arbor, Michigan in Jackson County. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the facility's compliance status with the applicable federal and state air pollution regulations, particularly Michigan Act 451, Part 55, Air Pollution Control Act and administrative rules.

**Facility Background**

Approximately 5-6 years ago this facility was purchased by Sport Truck USA – a distributor of aftermarket vehicle accessories. Before being purchased by Sport Truck USA, the facility was an independent production shop called B&B Custom and Production Welding.

While under the ownership of Sport Truck USA, Air Quality Division (AQD) staff conducted a self-initiated inspection of the facility in response to seeing smoke being exhausted from the building. It was determined that the smoke was being generated from two plasma cutting booths that were being exhausted through the side of the building. This resulted in multiple violation notices (VN), citing Rule 201, being issued to the company.

On February 15, 2018, the violation was considered resolved. The facility submitted a letter to AQD staff indicating that one of the plasma cutting booths had been removed and the other discontinued.

Since that time, Sport Truck USA has moved their production to their facility in Coldwater, MI. This facility is, once again, B&B Custom and Production Welding, and is no longer owned by Sport Truck USA.

**Regulatory Applicability**

There are no active permits at this facility.

**Arrival & Facility Contact**

Visible emissions or odors were not observed upon my approach to the facility. I arrived at 9:48 am, proceeded to the facility's entrance to request access for an inspection, provided my identification and spoke with Debbie Burk, co-owner of B&B Custom and Production Welding.

I informed her of my intent to conduct a facility inspection and to view any necessary recordkeeping.

Debbie extended her full cooperation during my visit and fully addressed my questions.

**Pre-Inspection Meeting**

I briefly discussed the history of AQD's inspections of the facility with Debbie, as well as the purpose of my visit/inspection. She explained that the facility is no longer owned by Sport Truck USA, and, with

that, much of their production has decreased. She explained that they only have 3 employees, including her and her husband. They run 7AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday, though sometimes they only work 4-day weeks, depending on their workload.

Debbie went on to explain that when Sport Truck USA left the facility, they moved their production to the Coldwater facility. She explained that B&B Custom and Production Welding supplies parts for only one company, so their production depends on that company's demand.

Furthermore, she explained that the facility only does production welding now. They have 3 welding robots, but only one was running today.

#### Onsite Inspection

Debbie then accompanied me on the tour portion of the inspection. She walked me back to the production floor where there were a few internally exhausted metal forming machines that were not in use. Debbie explained that these machines aren't used, though they don't want to sell them just yet in case future work requires them.

We then entered the area that contains the 3 welding robots. As Debbie had stated, only one of the robots was in use.

Debbie showed me where the plasma cutting booths had been. One was completely removed, and the other was still there but appeared unused.

#### Post Inspection Meeting

After the tour, Debbie explained that they have no intentions of becoming a larger facility again anytime soon.

I thanked Debbie for her time and cooperation, and I departed the facility at 9:57AM.

#### Compliance Summary

It appears that the metal forming machines would meet Permit to Install (PTI) exemption Rule 285(2)(I)(vi) (B).

Additionally, it appears that the welding robots would meet PTI exemption Rule 285(2)(i).

Based upon the facility inspection and the information received from B&B Custom and Production Welding, it appears that the facility is in compliance at the time of this inspection.

NAME Steph Ween

DATE 1.9.20

SUPERVISOR 