

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

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FACILITY: Rivore Metals		SRN / ID: P1017
LOCATION: 141 East Montcalm, PONTIAC		DISTRICT: Warren
CITY: PONTIAC		COUNTY: OAKLAND
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 07/29/2020
STAFF: Adam Bognar	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: Minor
SUBJECT: Scheduled Inspection		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

On Wednesday, July 29, 2020, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy-Air Quality Division (EGLE-AQD) staff, I, Adam Bognar conducted a scheduled inspection of Rivore Metals located at 141 East Montcalm, Pontiac 48342. The purpose of this inspection was to determine the facility's compliance with the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act; Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451); and Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy-Air Quality Division (EGLE-AQD) Administrative Rules.

Additionally, this inspection was conducted to follow up on a violation notice issued to Rivore Metals on May 3, 2019. Rivore Metals was issued a violation notice for torch cutting metal scrap metal outdoors without emission controls. Production torch cutting emissions at metal scrap yards must be exhausted into the general in plant environment or through an appropriately designed and operated filter/enclosure.

In response to this violation notice, Rivore Metals began constructing an enclosure out of connex boxes. The plan was to construct a 3-sided connex box structure with a tarp on top. A blower would draw torch cutting emissions into the enclosure and out through a fabric filter. This construction project was never fully completed. Rivore Metals declared bankruptcy in the middle of building the enclosure.

I arrived at the site at around 3 pm. I met with Ms. Brooke Bones, Purchasing Manager at JJB Sales. I identified myself, provided credentials, and stated the purpose of my inspection. Ms. Bones explained that JJB Sales was hired as the liquidator of Rivore Metal's assets. JJB Sales is in the process of sorting and getting rid of all the material on site. They have multiple Craigslist ads trying to get rid of the scrap metal. Once the property is cleared, a trucking business is moving onto the property. The property will be converted into a large parking lot for trucks.

No new scrap material is being brought to the facility. Some torch cutting is being performed on a non-production basis to remove some of the infrastructure left by Rivore Metals and previous tenants. This non-production torch cutting appears to be exempt from Rule 201 requirements pursuant to Rule 285 (2) (j)(i). JJB Sales stated that they are not planning on torch cutting the existing scrap metal on site. I informed Ms. Bones about the previous odor/smoke complaints from the neighboring USPS facility.

Rivore Metals is no longer in business at this location. The new tenant is not planning on doing any torch cutting at this location. The violation notice from May 3, 2019 may be resolved as a result of this inspection.

Compliance Determination

Observations made during my inspection indicate that JJB Sales is operating in compliance with the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act; Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451); and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality-Air Quality Division (MDEQ-AQD) Administrative Rules.

The violation notice issued to Rivore Metals on May 3, 2019 may be resolved as a result of this inspection.

NAME Adam BognarDATE 9/28/2020SUPERVISOR Sebastianykallemkal