

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT: On-site Inspection

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FACILITY: Kalamazoo Sandblast		SRN / ID: U392100160
LOCATION: 6565 E. K Avenue, Kalamazoo		DISTRICT: Kalamazoo
CITY: Kalamazoo		COUNTY: KALAMAZOO
CONTACT: Joe Cornelius , Owner		ACTIVITY DATE: 04/08/2021
STAFF: Monica Brothers	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Non Compliance	SOURCE CLASS:
SUBJECT: Follow-up inspection for violations that were observed during the complaint investigation on 1-19-2021.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Staff, Monica Brothers, arrived at Kalamazoo Sandblast at about 2:30pm. I first drove past the facility and could see dust clouds from sandblasting coming from the building. Joe Cornelius, the owner of the facility, said in his response to the violation that was sent to him in January, that he would have the building completely enclosed by March 26, 2021 in order to meet an exemption from permitting. The building was not completely enclosed on April 8, 2021 during my follow-up inspection. I met with Joe Conelius and told him that he would be receiving another Vioation Notice from the Air Quality Division. He said that he had made some improvements, like putting in two sliding wooden doors at the front of the building, instead of the tarps he was using before, but I told him that he needed to do much more to prevent any sandblasting material from exiting the building. There were many areas of the building where there were visible holes and cracks where sandblasting material could easily escape. He said that he would make the appropriate improvements to make the building air-tight as soon as possible. The building also did not have the proper filters installed for a coating booth operation. They paint inside the same building where the sandblasting occurs, and the building is not fitted with any filters as of 4-8-2021. I left the facility at about 3:00 pm. A second Violation Notice will be sent.

NAME Monica Brothers DATE 4-14-2021 SUPERVISOR Rex Love