

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT: Complaint Investigation

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FACILITY: Unknown source near 8 Mile Rd. and Lahser Rd.		SRN / ID: U632100334
LOCATION: Vicinity of 8 Mile and Lahser, Southfield		DISTRICT: Warren
CITY: Southfield		COUNTY: OAKLAND
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 01/29/2021
STAFF: Robert Elmouchi	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Unknown	SOURCE CLASS:
SUBJECT: Odor complaint		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS: C-21-00300		

On Thursday, January 21, 2021, I received an odor complaint via telephone. The unknown source of foul odor is in the vicinity of 8 Mile Road and Lahser Road. The complainant stated they experience a strong foul odor between midnight and 3:00 a.m. The odor causes the complainant to cough and is concerned about potential health effects. The complainant stated the foul odor smells like a dry-cleaning solvent or a cleaning solution.

The complainant stated that they detect the foul odor every day. This is unusual because the wind direction typically changes daily. I explained to the complainant that I had previously investigated an odor complaint in which the complainant experienced a foul odor every day during similar hours. My previous investigation revealed the odor was caused by a slow leak from a natural gas meter. The complainant agreed to call the gas utility company to determine if a gas leak was the source of the foul odor. The complainant called back the next day and informed me that the utility did not detect a natural gas leak.

The complainant and I discussed how knowledge of the wind direction at the time of each event can help me direct my investigation towards potential sources of the foul odor. The complainant agreed to keep a log of each foul odor event and provide the records.

Additional complaints or information is necessary before further action can be taken. I will create another complaint entry when additional information is provided by the complainant.

NAME

Robert Elmouchi

DATE

1/29/2021

SUPERVISOR

Joyce