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**RENEWABLE OPERATING PERMIT  
STAFF REPORT**

ROP Number  
MI-ROP-N0544-2024

**Warm Rain Corporation**

State Registration Number (SRN): N0544

Located at

51675 Industrial Drive, Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan 49913

Permit Number: MI-ROP-N0544-2024

Staff Report Date: February 19, 2024

This Staff Report is published in accordance with Sections 5506 and 5511 of Part 55, Air Pollution Control, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451). Specifically, Rule 214(1) of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451, requires that the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Air Quality Division (AQD), prepare a report that sets forth the factual basis for the terms and conditions of the Renewable Operating Permit (ROP).

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**Purpose**

Major stationary sources of air pollutants, and some non-major sources, are required to obtain and operate in compliance with an ROP pursuant to Title V of the federal Clean Air Act; and Michigan’s Administrative Rules for Air Pollution Control promulgated under Section 5506(1) of Act 451. Sources subject to the ROP program are defined by criteria in Rule 211(1). The ROP is intended to simplify and clarify a stationary source’s applicable requirements and compliance with them by consolidating all state and federal air quality requirements into one document.

This Staff Report, as required by Rule 214(1), sets forth the applicable requirements and factual basis for the draft ROP terms and conditions including citations of the underlying applicable requirements, an explanation of any equivalent requirements included in the draft ROP pursuant to Rule 212(5), and any determination made pursuant to Rule 213(6)(a)(ii) regarding requirements that are not applicable to the stationary source.

**General Information**

Stationary Source Mailing Address:	Warm Rain Corporation 51675 Industrial Drive Calumet, Michigan 49913
Source Registration Number (SRN):	N0544
North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code:	326191
Number of Stationary Source Sections:	1
Is Application for a Renewal or Initial Issuance?	Renewal
Application Number:	202300064
Responsible Official:	Zach Merrill, Operation Specialist 906-482-3750
AQD Contact:	Joseph Scanlan, Environmental Quality Analyst 906-458-6405
Date Application Received:	March 23, 2023
Date Application Was Administratively Complete:	March 23, 2023
Is Application Shield in Effect?	Yes
Date Public Comment Begins:	February 19, 2024
Deadline for Public Comment	March 20, 2024

## Source Description

Warm Rain Corporation (Warm Rain) is a plastic composite company that produces bathroom fixtures. The production facility is located in Calumet, Houghton County, Michigan, in an industrial park adjacent to the Houghton County Airport. The facility was originally constructed in 1976 and issued Permit to install (PTI) No. 212-76, which was voided upon issuance of MI-ROP-N0544-1997 on 5/12/1997.

Warm Rain uses an open molding process to produce fiberglass tub/shower units. Molds are received at the facility and enter one of four dry filter spray booths for gelcoat application. Gelcoat consists of resin and catalyst mixed together to provide a smooth clear or pigmented outer surface. A spray gun is utilized to mix the materials producing a non-atomized resin/catalyst stream. Next, the units move to one of the other three spray booths for the fiberglass process. The fiberglass spray lay-up uses a chop gun that combines a thermoset polyester resin, glass fibers, and catalyst to produce a reinforced plastic composite or fiberglass layer. Thermoset polyester resins are polymers formed by a cross-linking reaction of a liquid unsaturated polyester with a monomer. After the fiberglass lay-up process, the units dry and are released from their molds. The units are then sanded, quality checked, and packaged for shipping. Other processes at the facility include cleanup operations with acetone and/or other solvents.

Emissions from the facility consist of fugitive vapors from volatile organic compounds (VOCs), primarily styrene, that are emitted from the gelcoat and fiberglass fabrication processes. The cross-linking agent (monomer) contained in the resin and gelcoat evaporates during fiberglass lay-up and curing. Styrene, methyl methacrylate, and vinyl toluene are the most common monomers used as cross-linking agents in liquid resins. Warm Rain uses forced ventilation units to circulate air inside the facility and ventilates emissions from the spray booths through dry exhaust filters to the atmosphere. Each spray booth has its own dry exhaust filter and emission point. The four spray booths are listed as separate emission units for emission reporting purposes in MAERS.

Fugitive VOC emissions also result from the evaporation of cleanup solvents, and the clean-up process is subject to 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart WWWW. The facility uses acetone as a cleanup solvent for fiberglass and gelcoat application parts. Parts are placed in uncovered buckets containing acetone until cleaned. Waste acetone is recycled using a distillation system. EUCLEANUP was added as an emission unit because the use of acetone and other solvents causes the release of acetone and VOC emissions through evaporation. Note, acetone is not considered a VOC.

Warm Rain is subject to the Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) standard for composites manufacturing (40 CFR Part 63, Subpart WWWW) since the potential to emit for a single HAP is greater than 10 tons per year. FGMACTWWW includes the four spray booths and clean-up operations. FGMACTWWW specifies applicable requirements, including recordkeeping and reporting, so the source can ensure compliance with the federal regulation.

The following table lists stationary source emission information as reported to the Michigan Air Emissions Reporting System (MAERS) for the year 2022.

### **TOTAL STATIONARY SOURCE EMISSIONS**

<b>Pollutant</b>	<b>Tons per Year</b>
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	0
Lead (Pb)	0
Nitrogen Oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> )	0
PM10*	0
Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	0
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	28.9

\* Particulate matter (PM) that has an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers.

The following table lists Hazardous Air Pollutant emissions as calculated for the year 2022 by Warm Rain:

<b>Individual Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) **</b>	<b>Tons per Year</b>
Styrene	28.9
<b>Total Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)</b>	<b>28.9</b>

\*\*As listed pursuant to Section 112(b) of the federal Clean Air Act.

See Parts C and D in the ROP for summary tables of all processes at the stationary source that are subject to process-specific emission limits or standards.

**Regulatory Analysis**

The following is a general description and history of the source. Any determinations of regulatory non-applicability for this source are explained below in the Non-Applicable Requirement part of the Staff Report and identified in Part E of the ROP.

The stationary source is in Houghton County, which is currently designated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) as attainment/unclassified for all criteria pollutants.

The stationary source is subject to Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 70, because the potential to emit of any single HAP regulated by Section 112 of the federal Clean Air Act, is equal to or more than 10 tons per year and/or the potential to emit of all HAPs combined is equal to or more than 25 tons per year.

No emission units at the stationary source are currently subject to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) regulations of The Michigan Air Pollution Control Rules Part 18, Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality or 40 CFR 52.21 because the process equipment was constructed/installed prior to June 19, 1978, the promulgation date of the PSD regulations.

EUCLEANUP and FGBOOTHs at the stationary source are subject to the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reinforced Plastic Composites Production promulgated in 40 CFR Part 63, Subparts A and WWWW.

The monitoring conditions contained in the ROP are necessary to demonstrate compliance with all applicable requirements and are consistent with the "Procedure for Evaluating Periodic Monitoring Submittals."

The emission limitation(s) or standard(s) for VOCs at the stationary source with the underlying applicable requirement(s) of 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart WWWW, from FGBOOTHs is exempt from the federal Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM) regulation pursuant to 40 CFR 64.2(b)(1)(i) because 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart WWWW meet(s) the CAM exemption for NSPS or MACT proposed after November 15, 1990.

Please refer to Parts B, C and D in the draft ROP for detailed regulatory citations for the stationary source. Part A contains regulatory citations for general conditions.

**Source-Wide Permit to Install (PTI)**

Rule 214a requires the issuance of a Source-Wide PTI within the ROP for conditions established pursuant to Rule 201. All terms and conditions that were initially established in a PTI are identified with a footnote designation in the integrated ROP/PTI document.

The following table lists all individual PTIs that were incorporated into previous ROPs. PTIs issued after the effective date of ROP No. MI-ROP-N0544-2019 are identified in Appendix 6 of the ROP.

PTI Number
212-76

**Streamlined/Subsumed Requirements**

This ROP does not include any streamlined/subsumed requirements pursuant to Rules 213(2) and 213(6).

**Non-applicable Requirements**

Part E of the ROP lists requirements that are not applicable to this source as determined by the AQD, if any were proposed in the ROP Application. These determinations are incorporated into the permit shield provision set forth in Part A (General Conditions 26 through 29) of the ROP pursuant to Rule 213(6)(a)(ii).

**Processes Not in the Draft ROP**

There were no PTI exempt processes listed in the ROP Application pursuant to Rule 212(4) that were not included in the Draft ROP.

**Draft ROP Terms/Conditions Not Agreed to by Applicant**

This draft ROP does not contain any terms and/or conditions that the AQD and the applicant did not agree upon pursuant to Rule 214(2).

**Compliance Status**

The AQD finds that the stationary source is expected to be in compliance with all applicable requirements as of the effective date of this ROP.

**Action taken by EGLE, AQD**

The AQD proposes to approve this ROP. A final decision on the ROP will not be made until the public and affected states have had an opportunity to comment on the AQD’s proposed action and draft permit. In addition, the USEPA is allowed up to 45 days to review the draft ROP and related material. The AQD is not required to accept recommendations that are not based on applicable requirements. The delegated decision maker for the AQD is Michael Conklin, Marquette District Supervisor. The final determination for ROP approval/disapproval will be based on the contents of the ROP Application, a judgment that the stationary source will be able to comply with applicable emission limits and other terms and conditions, and resolution of any objections by the USEPA.

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**Purpose**

A Staff Report dated February 19, 2024, was developed to set forth the applicable requirements and factual basis for the draft Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) terms and conditions as required by Rule 214(1) of the administrative rules promulgated under Act 451. The purpose of this Staff Report Addendum is to summarize any significant comments received on the draft ROP during the 30-day public comment period as described in Rule 214(3). In addition, this addendum describes any changes to the draft ROP resulting from these pertinent comments.

**General Information**

Responsible Official:	Zach Merrill, Operation Specialist 906-482-3750
AQD Contact:	Joseph Scanlan, Environmental Quality Analyst 906-458-6405

**Summary of Pertinent Comments**

No pertinent comments were received during the 30-day public comment period.

**Changes to the February 19, 2024, Draft ROP**

No changes were made to the draft ROP.