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May 10, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Glenda Snyder
Crisman Sand Company
736 N. 400 E.
Valparaiso, IN 46383
crismansand@comcast.net

Re: Inspection Summary/Violation Letter
Crisman Sand Company
Source ID 127-00151
Valparaiso, Porter County

Dear Glenda Snyder:

On May 3, 2024, a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Northwest Regional Office (NWRO), conducted an inspection of Crisman Sand Company, located at 736 N. 400 E. in Valparaiso, Indiana. This inspection was conducted pursuant to IC 13-14-2-2. For your information, and in accordance with IC 13-14-5, a summary of the inspection is provided below:

Inspection Type: Complaint
Inspection Results: Violations were observed

At the time of the inspection, the following violations were noted:

- 1) Fugitive dust was observed crossing the property line in the form of muddy tire tracks in violation of Condition C.6 of Permit No. 43431-00151.

The Office of Air Quality will not take legal action at this time. However, any such violation(s) in the future may result in legal action being pursued. Please direct any questions to Thalia Hobson, Compliance Inspector, at (219) 252-5989 or by email at thobson@idem.in.gov. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Carr, for
Northwest Regional Office

ACES ID: 296933, 296934, 296706

ENCLOSURE

cc: Thalia Hobson, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Office of Air Quality
Porter County Health Department

**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF AIR QUALITY
FIELD INSPECTION REPORT**



SOURCE INFORMATION	
SOURCE NAME	Crisman Sand Company
SOURCE LOCATION	736 N. 400 E., Valparaiso, Indiana Porter County
MAILING ADDRESS	736 N. 400 E., Valparaiso, IN 46383
PLANT ID	127-00151
<u>PERMIT INFORMATION</u>	Permit Type: MSOP Permit Number: 127-43431-00151 Permit Expiration Date: March 26, 2026 VFC Document No.(hyperlink): 83109644
ATTAINMENT STATUS	<input type="checkbox"/> Attainment for all criteria pollutants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonattainment for <input type="checkbox"/> SO ₂ <input type="checkbox"/> CO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> O ₃ <input type="checkbox"/> NO ₂ <input type="checkbox"/> Pb <input type="checkbox"/> PM ₁₀ <input type="checkbox"/> PM _{2.5}
SOURCE STATUS	<input type="checkbox"/> PSD Major (326 IAC 2-2) <input type="checkbox"/> Major Source of HAPs <input type="checkbox"/> Emission Offset (326 IAC 2-3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Source of HAPs <input type="checkbox"/> Acid Rain (326 IAC 21)
<u>SOURCE DESCRIPTION</u>	The Permittee owns and operates a stationary sand, concrete, and asphalt processing plant.

INSPECTION INFORMATION			
INSPECTED BY	Thalia Hobson		
INSPECTION DATE AND TIME	May 3, 2024	TIME IN: 9:35 a.m.	TIME OUT: 9:55 a.m.
REPORTED BY	Thalia Hobson	REPORT DATE: May 6, 2024	
<u>COMPLIANCE PERIOD REVIEWED</u>	N/A		
<u>INSPECTION NOTIFICATION</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unannounced <input type="checkbox"/> Announced:		
INSPECTION OBJECTIVE(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
ACES TRACKING NUMBER(S)	Inspection: 296933	Complaint: 296706	Violation/Warning: 296934
RM TRACKING NUMBER(S)	Complaint: 111831		
<u>INSPECTION BACKGROUND</u>	On April 5, 2024, IDEM received a complaint alleging that vehicles leaving Crisman Sand were tracking mud down the road. The complaint was forwarded to the Office of Air Quality on April 26, 2024. The last inspection of the site occurred on April 5, 2024, the date of the complaint. Muddy tire tracks leaving Crisman Sand were observed.		

SOURCE PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED			
Name	Title	Phone Number	Email Address
Denny Krueger	General Manager	Unknown	crismansand@comcast.net

INSPECTION AND COMPLAINT HISTORY (PREVIOUS 5 YEARS)			
Date	Inspection/Complaint Type	Result	Comments
3/26/2020	Complaint	Warning	Fugitive dust complaint. No inspection was conducted.
6/29/2020	Other	Violations Noted	Unpermitted source inspection. It was determined that a permit was required.
10/27/2020	Complaint	No Violations Noted	Crisman was required to submit a fugitive dust control plan.

INSPECTION AND COMPLAINT HISTORY (PREVIOUS 5 YEARS)			
12/20/2020	Complaint	No Violations Noted	Crisman was required to submit a fugitive dust control plan.
6/29/2022	Commitment	No Violations Noted	No inspection was conducted as the majority of emission units were not in operation.
10/26/2023	Complaint	Violations Noted	Muddy tire tracks were observed crossing the property line of Crisman Sand.
4/5/2024	Complaint	Violations Noted	Muddy tire tracks were observed crossing the property line of Crisman Sand.

COMPLIANCE HISTORY (PREVIOUS 5 YEARS)			
Informal Enforcement Actions			
Date Issued	Action Taken	Describe Violation(s)	
4/1/2020	Warning Letter	Alleged fugitive dust violations.	
8/27/2020	Violation Letter	Operating a source of air pollution without a permit.	
8/31/2022	Violation Letter	Constructing, operating a source of air pollution without a permit.	
11/16/2022	Violation Letter	The Annual Notification for 2021 was submitted after the March 1, 2022, deadline.	
10/31/2023	Violation Letter	Fugitive dust was observed crossing the property line at ground level.	
4/11/2024	Violation Letter	Fugitive dust was observed crossing the property line at ground level.	
Formal Enforcement Actions			
Case Number	Enforcement Type	Civil Penalty	Describe Violation(s)
N/A		\$	
Other Relevant Actions			
Action Taken	Comments		
10/27/2020	IDEM required Crisman to submit a fugitive dust control plan due to the frequency of complaints against them.		
12/7/2020	IDEM required Crisman to submit a fugitive dust control plan due to the frequency of complaints against them.		

INSPECTION OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS
<p>Upon arrival at the site, I noticed muddy tire tracks leading out of Crisman's property and extending roughly 1,000 feet down the road. I drove along the length of the tracks to assess the scale of the violation. Then I returned to Crisman Sand's property and parked by the office. I entered and found no one inside. I did not feel safe traversing an active mine unescorted to look for management and did not know when they would be back. I departed the site and reached out to them upon my return to the office.</p> <p>On May 6, 2024, I received a response from Crisman saying that the new fugitive dust control plan of sweeping the road every two (2) hours on muddy days was still in effect. The board will be voting on capital improvements to reduce fugitive dust on May 16, 2024. I discussed ways to improve the interim fugitive dust plan with Mr. Krueger. He agreed to check the roads every hour until a capital improvement was approved by the board.</p>

INSPECTION FINDINGS	
<div><input type="checkbox"/> No violations were observed or determined at the time of the inspection.</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following violations were determined at the time of the inspection: Fugitive dust was observed crossing the property line in the form of muddy tire tracks in violation of Condition C.6 of Permit No. 43431-00151.</div>	
RECOMMENDED ACTION	Issue inspection summary/violation letter.

EXIT INTERVIEW	No exit interview was conducted as no one was present in the office. I explained my findings to Mr. Krueger on May 6, 2024, by email. I recontacted the complainant on May 9, 2024.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Photo No. 1



Source Name:	Crisman Sand Company
Photographer:	Thalia Hobson, IDEM, Office of Air Quality
Date and Time:	May 3, 2024, 9:39 a.m.
Others Present:	N/A
Description:	The muddy tracks leading out of Crisman Sand at the end of the inspection. The tracks extended for roughly 1,000 feet down the road.