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September 3, 2024

VIA US POSTAL SERVICE

Earl Chupp
Woodenware USA Inc.
9151 W 750 N
Etna Green, IN, 46524

Re: Inspection Summary Letter
Woodenware USA Inc.
Source ID 00117
Etna Green, Kosciusko County

Dear Earl Chupp:

On August 26, 2024, a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Office of Air Quality (OAQ), conducted an inspection of Woodenware USA Inc., located at 9151 w 750 N in Etna Green, 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: Surveillance
Inspection Results: No violations were observed

Please direct any questions to me at 574-229-4701 or by email at aballa@idem.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Balla, Compliance Inspector
Northern Regional Office
Office of Air Quality

ACES ID: 301064

ENCLOSURE

cc: Adrienne Balla/Lauren Sensibaugh, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Office of Air Quality

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



SOURCE INFORMATION	
SOURCE NAME	Woodenware USA Inc.
SOURCE LOCATION	9151 w 750 N, Etna Green, Indiana Kosciusko County
MAILING ADDRESS	9151 W 750 N, Etna Green, IN, 46524
PLANT ID	00117
<u>PERMIT INFORMATION</u>	Permit Type: Unpermitted Permit Number: Permit Expiration Date: VFC Document No.(hyperlink):
ATTAINMENT STATUS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attainment for all criteria pollutants <input type="checkbox"/> Nonattainment for <input type="checkbox"/> SO ₂ <input type="checkbox"/> CO <input 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 sold a stationary wood cabinet door assembly and finishing facility.

INSPECTION INFORMATION			
INSPECTED BY	Adrienne Balla/Lauren Sensibaugh <i>AMB JA</i>		
INSPECTION DATE AND TIME	August 26, 2024	TIME IN: 9:10 am	TIME OUT: 9:23 am
REPORTED BY	Adrienne Balla/Lauren Sensibaugh <i>AMB JA</i>	REPORT DATE: 08/27/2024	
<u>COMPLIANCE PERIOD REVIEWED</u>	N/A		
<u>INSPECTION NOTIFICATION</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unannounced <input type="checkbox"/> Announced:		
INSPECTION OBJECTIVE(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surveillance <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
ACES TRACKING NUMBER(S)	Inspection: 301064	Complaint:	Violation/Warning:
RM TRACKING NUMBER(S)	Complaint:		
<u>INSPECTION BACKGROUND</u>	Purpose of Inspection: To determine that Woodenware removed emission equipment and ceased operating.		

SOURCE PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED			
Name	Title	Phone Number	Email Address
Earl Chupp	Business Owner	574-227-0039	

INSPECTION AND COMPLAINT HISTORY (PREVIOUS 5 YEARS)			
Date	Inspection/Complaint Type	Result	Comments
2/21/2024	CMS	No Violations Noted	General Compliance Inspection

INSPECTION AND COMPLAINT HISTORY (PREVIOUS 5 YEARS)			
8/21/2019	Commitment	Violations Noted	Dry filters not controlled (D.1.4. & D.1.7)

COMPLIANCE HISTORY (PREVIOUS 5 YEARS)			
Informal Enforcement Actions			
<i>Date Issued</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>	<i>Describe Violation(s)</i>	
09/5/2019	Violation Letter	ACES 240076 Dry filters not controlled (D.1.4. & D.1.7)	
Formal Enforcement Actions			
<i>Case Number</i>	<i>Enforcement Type</i>	<i>Civil Penalty</i>	<i>Describe Violation(s)</i>
2019-26187-A	Formal Enforcement	\$ 9000	Constructed and operated spray booth (SB1)
2022-29097-A	Formal Enforcement	\$ Open	A VOC emissions exceedance from May-August 2022 (D.1.1. & D.1.2.)
Other Relevant Actions			
<i>Action Taken</i>	<i>Comments</i>		
N/A			

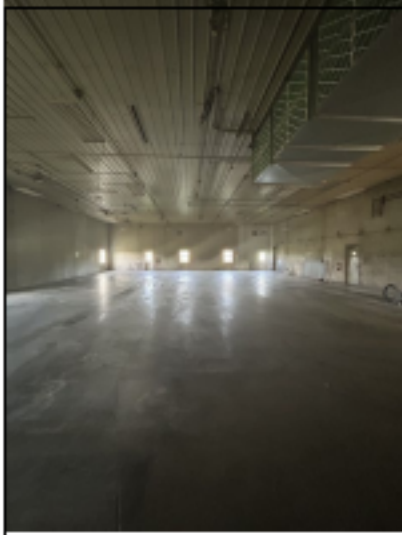
INSPECTION OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS
<p>As we approached Woodenware, it appeared as though the source was not operating because there were no employees on site and the parking lot was empty. We observed an individual outside walking between Woodenware and the residential property. We were able to stop and speak with her; She was able to direct us to Mr. Chupp. Mr. Chupp allowed us into the facility, where he provided a tour. We observed that the front room was being used as storage for Mr. Chupp's personal items. Additionally, all emissions equipment had been removed, as well as the control equipment (baghouse); he had also closed all of the vents (Photo 1 & 2). One remaining spray booth stood in a small room in the back of the facility, which Mr. Chupp ascertains is for hobby purposes only and that we observed to appear idle at the time of the inspection (Photo 3). Mr. Chupp also informed us that he plans to sell the booth itself, as well as the building and the acres surrounding it.</p> <p>Additional Comments: If Mr. Chupp intends to operate his remaining spray booth for production purposes in the future, then the source would have to be reevaluated for a permit at that time.</p>

INSPECTION FINDINGS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No violations were observed or determined at the time of the inspection. <input type="checkbox"/> The following violations were determined at the time of the inspection:	
RECOMMENDED ACTION	Issue inspection summary letter.
EXIT INTERVIEW	I explained my findings, recommendations, and conclusions with Earl Chupp prior to exiting the facility.

ATTACHMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection Summary Letter • Photos

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Photo No. 1



Source Name:	Woodenware USA Inc.
Photographer:	Adrienne Balla/Lauren Sensibaugh, IDEM, Office of Air Quality
Date and Time:	August 26, 2024, 9:20 am
Others Present:	Earl Chupp, Previously Owned Woodenware
Description:	Former surface coating area with all equipment removed.

Photo No. 2



Source Name:	Woodenware USA Inc.
Photographer:	Adrienne Balla/Lauren Sensibaugh, IDEM, Office of Air Quality
Date and Time:	August 26, 2024, 9:21am
Others Present:	Earl Chupp, Previously Owned Woodenware
Description:	Former location of baghouses on the west side of the facility.

Photo No. 3



Source Name:	Woodenware USA Inc.
Photographer:	Adrienne Balla/Lauren Sensibaugh, IDEM, Office of Air Quality
Date and Time:	August 26, 2024, 9:19 am
Others Present:	Earl Chupp, Previously Owned Woodenware
Description:	Small surface coating booth presently located in the facility for hobby purposes.