



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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April 21, 2026

### VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Nate Esh  
GDC, Inc.  
815 Logan Street  
Goshen, Indiana 46528  
[nesh@gdc-corp.com](mailto:nesh@gdc-corp.com)

Re: Inspection Summary Letter  
GDC, Inc.  
Source ID N/A  
Goshen, Elkhart County

Dear Mr. Nate Esh:

On April 15, 2026, a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Office of Air Quality (OAQ), conducted an inspection of GDC, Inc., located at 300 Steury Avenue in Goshen, 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: Commitment  
Inspection Results: No violations were observed

Please direct any questions to me at 574-229-4701 or by email at [aballa@idem.IN.gov](mailto:aballa@idem.IN.gov).

Sincerely,

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

ACES ID: 321808

ENCLOSURE

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



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



SOURCE INFORMATION	
SOURCE NAME	GDC, Inc.
SOURCE LOCATION	300 Steury Avenue, Goshen, Indiana Elkhart County
MAILING ADDRESS	815 Logan Street, Goshen, Indiana 46528
PLANT ID	N/A
<u>PERMIT INFORMATION</u>	Permit Type: Unpermitted Permit Number: N/A Permit Expiration Date: N/A VFC Document No.(hyperlink): N/A
ATTAINMENT STATUS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attainment for all criteria pollutants <input type="checkbox"/> Nonattainment for <input type="checkbox"/> SO <sub>2</sub> <input type="checkbox"/> CO <input type="checkbox"/> O <sub>3</sub> <input type="checkbox"/> NO <sub>2</sub> <input type="checkbox"/> Pb <input type="checkbox"/> PM <sub>10</sub> <input type="checkbox"/> PM <sub>2.5</sub>
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>	GDC owns and operates a stationary foam die cutting and foam lamination production facility for the automotive industry.

INSPECTION INFORMATION			
INSPECTED BY	Adrienne Balla <i>AMB</i>		
INSPECTION DATE AND TIME	April 15, 2026	TIME IN: 10:00AM	TIME OUT: 12:54PM
REPORTED BY	Adrienne Balla <i>AMB</i>	REPORT DATE: 04/20/2026	
<u>COMPLIANCE PERIOD REVIEWED</u>	Unpermitted		
<u>INSPECTION NOTIFICATION</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unannounced <input type="checkbox"/> Announced:		
INSPECTION OBJECTIVE(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Unpermitted/Commitment	
ACES TRACKING NUMBER(S)	Inspection: 321808	Complaint:	Violation/Warning:
RM TRACKING NUMBER(S)	Complaint:		
<u>INSPECTION BACKGROUND</u>	Hours of operation: 1 <sup>st</sup> Shift 5:00AM-1:30PM, Monday through Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Shift 5:00PM-1:30AM, Monday through Friday		

SOURCE PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED			
Name	Title	Phone Number	Email Address
Nate Esh	EHS Manager	574-533-3128 x386	nesh@gdc-corp.com
Peggy Cronin	Chief Human Resource Officer	574-533-3128 x336 574-536-0955	pcronin@gdc-corp.com
Norm Bontreger	SBU Director- Thermoplastics	574-533-3128 x372 574-238-4018	norm@gdc-corp.com
Doug Minix	Chief Operations Officer	574-533-3128 x397 574-606-6095	dminix@gdc-corp.com

SOURCE PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED			
Scott R. Parker	Ergo Resource Mgmt. President	574-457-8020 574-457-6950	ergoregmt@centurylink.net
Lisa M. Case	Ergo Resource Mgmt. Vice President	574-457-8020 574-528-0821	ergoregmt@centurylink.net

INSPECTION AND COMPLAINT HISTORY (PREVIOUS 5 YEARS)			
Date	Inspection/Complaint Type	Result	Comments
N/A			

COMPLIANCE HISTORY (PREVIOUS 5 YEARS)			
<b>Informal Enforcement Actions</b>			
Date Issued	Action Taken	Describe Violation(s)	
N/A			
<b>Formal Enforcement Actions</b>			
Case Number	Enforcement Type	Civil Penalty	Describe Violation(s)
N/A		\$	
<b>Other Relevant Actions</b>			
Action Taken	Comments		
N/A			

INSPECTION OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS
<p>I was conducting an inspection of a source that had a Construction Permit with the Office of Air Quality at 310 Steury Avenue, Goshen, Indiana to determine if the emission units had been removed and that the source was no longer operating. Global Positioning Systems was located at 310 Steury Avenue, Goshen, Indiana. When I arrived on site, it was determined that the address was 300 Steury Avenue, Goshen, Indiana. When entering the property, it was determined that a facility was operating production at this location. The parking lot was full of cars, and the plant production area had the overhead doors open. The signage stated that the business was GDC, Inc. (GDC), 300 Steury Avenue, Goshen, Indiana.</p> <p>As I entered the office lobby it was quickly determined that a receptionist was not there and only a telephone was available. I was able to reach the operator and requested to speak with the plant manager or the EHS manager. Mr. Esh, EHS Manager, greeted me in the lobby and eventually escorted me to a conference room where I was introduced to Ms. Cronin, Mr. Minix and Mr. Bontreger. I inquired if GDC had an air operating permit or if an application had been sent to IDEM-OAQ. No one was aware of an air permit for GDC. Mr. Esh stated that GDC's environmental consultants were on their way to 300 Steury Avenue and were planning to tour the site with me. I explained the reason for the inspection. GDC purchased the property from Roadmaster LLC in 2010 according to Ms. Cronin.</p> <p>I requested to conduct a tour of the facility to determine that all the emission units from Tiara Motor Coach Corporation and Roadmaster, LLC, have been removed. GDC complied with the request. A tour was conducted with Ms. Cronin, Mr. Esh, Mr. Bontreger and later Mr. Parker and Ms. Case joined us.</p> <p>GDC purchased various foam materials → adheres adhesive to one side of the foam (compression with electric heated roller) → foam backed with adhesive run through a die cut press → some products are manually assembled (Re-Pack Area) → quality check → shipping.</p> <p>GDC purchased various plastic parts → manually attaches pre-cut foam → quality check → shipping</p> <p>Slitting blades are cleaned by sharpening. Solven was not used for cleaning the slitting blades.</p> <p>The source does not have a generator or a parts washer.</p>

**INSPECTION OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS**

Dies are inserted into a press, foam is run through the press, the die cuts the required form and then the finished product is checked for quality and then shipped.

**Combustion:**

The building had four (4) natural gas thermos-cyclers, ten(10) radiant heating units, two (2) furnaces and one (1) hanging heating unit. Total Btu/hr. for all the units was 4.42MMBtu/hr.

Heat Input Capacity MMBtu/hr	HHV mmBtu mmscf	Potential Throughput MMCF/yr			Pollutant			
4.42	1020	38.0						
Emission Factor in lb/MMCF	PM*	PM10*	direct PM2.5*	SO2	NOx	VOC	CO	
	1.9	7.6	7.6	0.6	100 **see below	5.5	84	
Potential Emission in tons/yr	0.04	0.14	0.14	0.01	1.90	0.10	1.59	

Potential Emissions in tons/yr = Total Potential Throughput MMBtu/hr. x AP-42 Emission Factor in lb./MMCF/2000  
 For NOx 4.42 x 100.00 (uncontrolled) = PTE 1.90tons per year (tpy) NOx

**Laminated Adhesive Application:**

The double sided adhesive roll used to adhere to the foam to form peel off was Avery Corporation FBR8950 Adhesive according to Mr. Parker. The information provided by Mr. Parker stated that the percentage of volatile organic compounds (VOC) was 1.00%. If the source used the maximum pounds per hour of laminated adhesive, 96lbs., then the following would apply assuming all volatile material was released: 96lbs. laminated adhesive/hr. x 0.01 VOC = 0.96lbs. VOC/hr. If the source operates 8760 hours per year, then 0.96lbs. VOC in one hour x 8760 hours (one year) = 8409.6lbs. of VOC/yr. or 4.20tons/year VOC PTE.

**Slitting Foam Logs:**

GDC has two "log slitter" that cut foam rolls down to the required size. KPT Chemicals, KEMSOFT KDC was used as a lubricant for the saws during the cutting process. The solvent was drawn from a five (5) gallon bucket, applied to the saw blade during the cutting process KEMSOFT KDC solvent was emptied into an open pan and when the pan was full, the solvent was filtered and then transferred back to the 5 gallon bucket to start the process again. According to Mr. Bontreger every three to four months the material is replaced with brand new solvent. According to the SDS and information provided by Mr. Parker, the density was 7.95lbs./gal and the solvent content was 3% alcohol. 7.95lb./gal x .03 VOC = 0.2385lb. VOC/gal. According to Mr. Parker, Safety Kleen removed 4 gallons of the five gallons of solvent. One gallon would be spent four (4) times per year for one slitter, this was based on Mr. Bontreger purchase statement of five (5) gallons every 3-4 months. Four (4) gallons spent solvent per year (four quarters) x 0.2385lb. VOC = 0.954lbs. VOC/year or 0.0005tpy for one slitter or 0.001tpy VOC for two slitters.

**Fugitive Dust from the Roads:**

There were paved roads at the facility. The PM PTE emissions for the paved roads (15 trucks entering and leaving/day) 0.53tpy was determined.

The total PTE PM emissions of 0.57tpy were significantly below the threshold of 5.0tpy. The total PTE VOC emissions of 4.31tpy were below the threshold of 5.0tpy.

A search of VFC, TEMPO and ACES did not produce Office of Air Quality information regarding GDC, Inc.

A permit application was not required to be submitted to IDEM-OAQ Permits at this time.

When the inspector is in the area the source should be re-inspected in a year to determine if output has increased or additional emission units have been added to the source.

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 Mr. Esh, Ms. Cronin, Mr. Bontreger, Mr. Parker and Ms. Case prior to exiting the facility.

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