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June 26, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Brett Nichols
Cole Hardwood, Inc.
1611 West Market Street
Logansport, Indiana 46947
brett@colehardwood.com

Re: Inspection Summary Letter
Cole Hardwood, Inc.
Source ID 017-00028
Logansport, Cass County

Dear Brett Nichols:

On June 17, 2024, a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Office of Air Quality (OAQ), conducted an inspection of Cole Hardwood, Inc., located at 1611 West Market Street in Logansport, 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: No violations were observed

Please direct any questions to me at 219-730-6982 or by email at sling@idem.IN.gov.

Sincerely,

Sarah Ling, Compliance Inspector
Northwest Regional Office
Office of Air Quality

ACES ID: 298695, 298694

ENCLOSURE

cc: Sarah Ling, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Office of Air Quality

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



SOURCE INFORMATION	
SOURCE NAME	Cole Hardwood, Inc.
SOURCE LOCATION	1611 West Market Street, Logansport, Indiana Cass County
MAILING ADDRESS	1611 West Market Street, Logansport, Indiana 46947
PLANT ID	017-00028
<u>PERMIT INFORMATION</u>	Permit Type: TVOP Permit Number: T017-46965-00028 Permit Expiration Date: 9/3/2026 VFC Document No.(hyperlink): 83532564
ATTAINMENT STATUS	<input 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 owns and operates a stationary hardwood concentration yard and wholesale operation, and hardwood dimensions, panels moldings, and cabinet components manufacturing and surface coating facility.

INSPECTION INFORMATION			
INSPECTED BY	Sarah Ling		
INSPECTION DATE AND TIME	June 17, 2024	TIME IN: 1:30 PM	TIME OUT: 2:30 PM
REPORTED BY	Sarah Ling	REPORT DATE: 6/25/2024	
<u>COMPLIANCE PERIOD REVIEWED</u>	N/A		
<u>INSPECTION NOTIFICATION</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unannounced <input type="checkbox"/> Announced:		
<u>INSPECTION OBJECTIVE(S)</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complaint <input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
ACES TRACKING NUMBER(S)	Inspection: 298695	Complaint: 298694	Violation/Warning: N/A
RM TRACKING NUMBER(S)	Complaint: 112902		
<u>INSPECTION BACKGROUND</u>	An open burning complaint was submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management on 6/12/2024. The complainant alleges open burning is occurring on Cole Hardwood's parcel of undeveloped land they own.		

SOURCE PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED			
Name	Title	Phone Number	Email Address
Brett Nichols	Operations Manager	574-727-5571	brett@colehardwood.com

INSPECTION AND COMPLAINT HISTORY (PREVIOUS 5 YEARS)			
Date	Inspection/Complaint Type	Result	Comments
2/1/2023	CMS	No Violations Noted	N/A
4/28/2021	Commitment	No Violations Noted	N/A
1/28/2020	CMS	No Violations Noted	N/A

COMPLIANCE HISTORY (PREVIOUS 5 YEARS)			
Informal Enforcement Actions			
<i>Date Issued</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>	<i>Describe Violation(s)</i>	
8/5/2021	Violation Letter	Cole Hardwood, Inc. failed to submit the Annual Compliance Certification (ACC) for 2020 by the July 1, 2021 deadline. The ACC was submitted on July 29, 2021, twenty-eight (28) days after the due date.	
Formal Enforcement Actions			
<i>Case Number</i>	<i>Enforcement Type</i>	<i>Civil Penalty</i>	<i>Describe Violation(s)</i>
N/A	N/A	\$ N/A	N/A
Other Relevant Actions			
<i>Action Taken</i>	<i>Comments</i>		
N/A	N/A		

INSPECTION OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS
<p>I arrived at Cole Hardwood, Inc. at approximately 1:30 PM and during vehicular observations I did not observe any visible emissions or any other violations. Once I entered the property, I was greeted by Mr. Brett Nichols, and I explained the purpose of my visit.</p> <p>Mr. Nichols explained that on April 25, 2024, Cole Hardwood's night watchman, Bill Willaims, reported a fire that had occurred on the railroad tracks, owned by A & R Line Inc., located to the east of the undeveloped parcel owned by Cole Hardwood, Inc. The Cass County Fire District 1 Department was called and responded to said fire. Mr. Nichols stated that on April 26, 2024, the fire was not completely extinguished, so Cole Hardwood, Inc. used their own fire extinguishers to extinguish said fire. Mr. Nichols stated that the property northeast of the A & R Line Inc. property is owned by Thomas Pasquale. Mr. Nichols added that the noted parcel of land, owned by Thomas Pasquale, is inhabited by many homeless individuals. Mr. Nichols stated that Thomas Pasquale is aware of the encampment and has stated that the property owner does not mind. Mr. Nichols stated that Cole Hardwood Inc. frequents their undeveloped parcel to ensure no trespassing occurs.</p> <p>Mr. Nichols escorted me throughout Cole Hardwood's property. We began by inspecting the location where the open burning occurred on A & R Line Inc.'s property. I observed evidence that open burning did occur directly on the railroad and nearby gravel. No evidence of open burning was observed on Cole Hardwood Inc.'s property in this area. Mr. Nichols and I then inspected a section of the undeveloped parcel where the complainant believed the open burning was occurring because there is a clearing within said parcel on the south side of the railroad tracks. Upon arriving at the said clearing, I asked Mr. Nichols what the purpose of the clearing was, and Mr. Nichols stated that they use this space for their overflow/extra sawdust that they use in their wood-fired boilers. It should be noted that the wood-fired boilers and the combusting of clean wood is permitted within their IDEM Title V Operating Permit. I did not observe any evidence of open burning in the area. Mr. Nichols then escorted me to another area of the property where they store wood cut-offs from their production. Mr. Nichols stated the wood cut-offs break down into a mulch-like material that is used throughout the property, to cover unpaved roads for example. No evidence of open burning was observed.</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 Brett Nichols prior to exiting the facility.

ATTACHMENTS
• N/A

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