



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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June 27, 2024

VIA US POSTAL SERVICE

Nick Jolakoski  
ACC Signs & Design  
800 Merrillville Road  
Crown Point, IN 46307

Re: Inspection Summary Letter  
ACC Signs & Design  
Source ID N/A  
Crown Point, Lake County

Dear Nick Jolakoski:

On June 20, 2024, a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Office of Air Quality (OAQ), conducted an inspection of ACC Signs & Design, located at 800 Merrillville Road in Crown Point, 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 219-252-3566 or by email at [rbiscoch@idem.in.gov](mailto:rbiscoch@idem.in.gov).

Sincerely,

Ramelito Biscocho, Compliance Inspector  
Northwest Regional Office  
Office of Air Quality

ACES ID: 298656

cc: Ramelito Biscocho, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Office of Air Quality

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



SOURCE INFORMATION	
SOURCE NAME	ACC Signs & Design
SOURCE LOCATION	800 Merrillville Road, Crown Point, Indiana Lake County
MAILING ADDRESS	800 Merrillville Road, Crown Point, IN 46307
PLANT ID	N/A
<u>PERMIT INFORMATION</u>	Permit Type: N/A Permit Number: Permit Expiration Date: VFC Document No.(hyperlink):
ATTAINMENT STATUS	<input type="checkbox"/> Attainment for all criteria pollutants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonattainment for <input type="checkbox"/> SO <sub>2</sub> <input type="checkbox"/> CO <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Area Source of HAPs <input type="checkbox"/> Acid Rain (326 IAC 21)
<u>SOURCE DESCRIPTION</u>	The source makes signs.

INSPECTION INFORMATION			
INSPECTED BY	Ramelito Biscocho		
INSPECTION DATE AND TIME	June 20, 2024	TIME IN: 10:00 AM	TIME OUT: 10:45 AM
REPORTED BY	Ramelito Biscocho	REPORT DATE: 6/24/2024	
<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: 298656	Complaint: 298179	Violation/Warning:
RM TRACKING NUMBER(S)	Complaint: 112804		
<u>INSPECTION BACKGROUND</u>	The complainant states that her son has been having health problems since ACC Signs & Design moved there. It is in a residential area and the other day there was a haze on her son's window. She wants someone to check them out and she would like a follow up call.		

SOURCE PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED			
Name	Title	Phone Number	Email Address
Nick Jokaloski	Owner	219-661-7148	

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

INSPECTION OBSERVATIONS AND COMMENTS
<p>When I arrived, there was no one at the facility and the doors were locked. I called the phone number listed on the door and left a voicemail message. I received a return call from Mr. Jolakoski. I explained the purpose of my visit and asked him for an overview of the operations and process equipment at the facility. He stated that they are not at the site daily. He stated that they make custom-ordered signs using hot wire CNC (Computer Numerical Control) to cut foam blocks into precise shapes along with a laser cutter to cut wood used to make signs. The machines are equipped with filters. The machines are stationary and located indoors and are used as needed. Latex-based paint is rolled or brushed on as needed. Mr. Jolakoski stated that the machines do not generate haze when in use. The facility is a block building and the rear of the building close to homes appeared to have a minimal number of openings. At the time of the inspection, I did not observe any unusual coating on the building wall adjacent to the homes and on the walls of the two sheds located in the backyard of the homes.</p> <p>The complainant was notified of the findings and the case will be closed.</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	Exit interview was not conducted.