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From: Hutchins, Brian [DNR]
Sent: Monday, November 01, 2010 1:04 PM
To: Levetzow, Kurt [DNR]
Subject: FW: Air quality issue from Henniges Automotive, Keokuk, IA

Hi Kurt,

I am just passing this information on to you, I don't think this person is looking for any individual follow up since he does not live in the area. It may be worth taking a look sometime you are in Keokuk. Not sure if you have other complaints about this facility.

Brian

From: frank_j_horvath@charter.net [mailto:frank_j_horvath@charter.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2010 1:35 PM
To: Hutchins, Brian [DNR]
Subject: Air quality issue from Henniges Automotive, Keokuk, IA

Sir - I traveled through Iowa last week and stayed overnight at the Hampton Inn, Keokuk, Iowa. This hotel is located across Main Street from the Henniges Automotive Iowa, Inc. manufacturing plant.

The Henniges Plant was emitting visible hazy smoke from numerous stacks, presumably on the manufacturing floor, and odor which was drifting over a wide area, including the Hampton Inn. The emission was strongly acrid and smelled of burning rubber or hot brakes or hot metal, or all three. It was very strong outside but I could smell it in the room all night. It caused minor respiratory distress. The Hotel clerk was well aware of this odor and said that it smells all the time!

I am writing to inform you of this. It is hard to imagine that this effluent is within permitted limits. Obviously, had I been aware of this air quality problem, I certainly would not have stayed at the Hampton or anywhere near Keokuk.

Thank you for whatever attention you can direct toward resolution of this.

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