



June 25, 2019

Cody Lucero
1035 200th Street
Goldfield, IA 50542

Subject: Report of Investigation – Fugitive Dust Complaint

Dear Mr. Lucero:

On June 24, 2019, David Knoll and I met with you to investigate a complaint our office had received about your facility regarding large amounts of particulate matter leaving your buildings. Enclosed is a copy of the investigation report.

Please respond to the following questions, in writing within 15 days receipt of this letter:

- 1. What actions caused the incident in question?*
- 2. What steps have been taken to reduce the likelihood of another incident occurring?*

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me at 641 424-4073 or kayla.beck@dnr.iowa.gov.

Sincerely,

FIELD SERVICES & COMPLIANCE BUREAU

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kayla M. Beck'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kayla Beck
Environmental Specialist

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Enclosure: Report of Investigation

Report of Investigation

Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Services Division

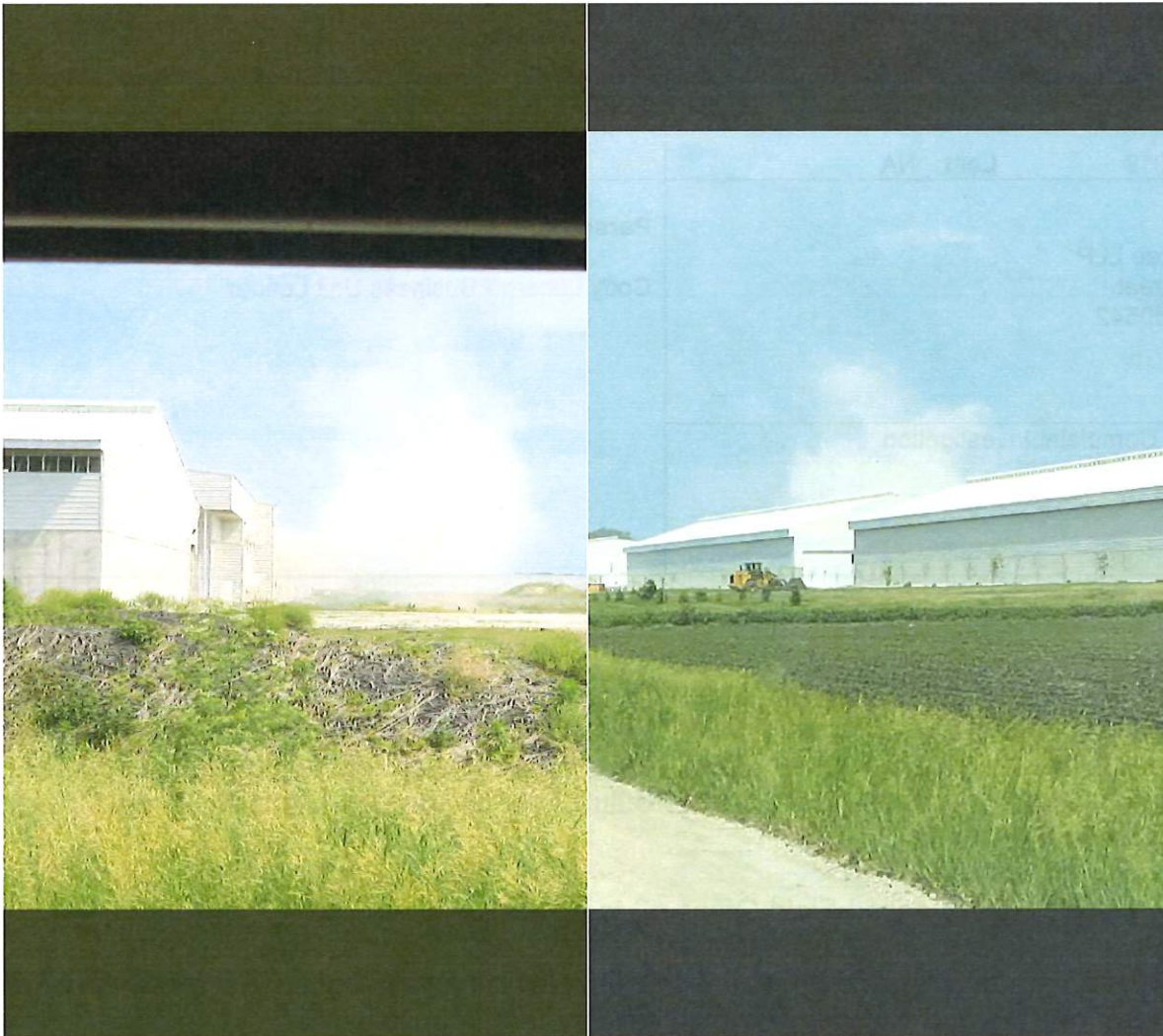
Investigation Date Current: 06/24/2019 Last: NA	From: Field Office #2 2300 15th St. SW Mason City, Iowa 50401
To: Cody Lucero Iowa Cage Free LLP 1035 200 th Street Goldfield, IA 50542	Person(s) Contacted: Cody Lucero - Business Unit Leader
Re: Fugitive Dust Complaint Investigation	

On June 17, 2019, this office was alerted to an anonymous report of large amounts of dust coming from your property at 1035 200th St, Goldfield, Iowa. The complaint was accompanied by a short video and photos via a social media platform. Other agencies were made aware of the fugitive dust including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Iowa Poultry Association (IPA), and the Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement Action.

On June 18, 2019, Cody Lucero called Field Office #2 to discuss the complaint. Cody indicated that he had been contacted by the IPA about the matter. I asked Cody if he was aware of the release of material outside of the barn and he said he was. I asked Cody to explain to me what was happening in the video and what had caused it. Cody informed me that they routinely clean out the light traps in the barns to maintain their efficiency. He said the proper procedure was to clean them out incrementally and that an employee was trying to save some time by blowing them out in large amounts. Cody said this was not the standard procedure and retraining would occur.

It was determined that a follow up site visit was required. David Knoll and I arrived at the facility at approximately 10:00 AM on June 24, 2019. We met with Cody and revisited what happened on site and how that would be remedied. As a direct result of this complaint, the facility has updated the procedure to eliminate blowing out the light traps with a power tool in an effort to reduce air born particulate matter. The facility plans to manually clean the light traps in the future. I explained to Cody that the facility is subject to the Fugitive Dust Rule. This rule requires all reasonable precautions be taken to prevent the discharge of visible emissions of fugitive dusts beyond the lot line of the property on which the emissions originate. I provided him with a copy of IAC 567 Chapter 23 for his reference.

Inspector Signature: <u>Kayla Beck</u> Kayla Beck, Environmental Specialist	Date: 6-26-19
Reviewer Signature: <u>David Knoll</u> David Knoll Environmental Specialist Senior	Date: 6/30/19



Top photos show the fugitive dust coming from the Iowa Cage Free facility in Goldfield, Iowa. These photos were taken and posted by the complainant on June 15, 2019.



Photo taken by Kayla Beck of Iowa Cage Free where the incident occurred. Photo taken June 24, 2019 eastward facing.