



April 8, 2020

RYAN CARPENTER  
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6100 N 70<sup>TH</sup> ST  
LINCOLN NE 68507

SUBJECT: Air Quality Complaints #27990, #28005, #28023  
Alter Metal Recycling  
Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County

Dear Mr. Carpenter:

As you know, I received complaints of "yellow smoke" emitting from facility property. According to the complaints, when wind is from the south, the emissions affect the neighbors. Photos submitted with the complaints are attached.

I visited the area on March 25, 2020, but did not contact anyone or trespass due to coronavirus concerns. During my visit, I did not document violations of the opacity limit or fugitive dust rules. According to our communication, facility staff were cutting up wind turbine components for easier handling. Upon notification of the complaints, immediate action was taken to address fugitive emissions.

According to documentation from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Air Quality Bureau (AQB) construction permit personnel, emissions from this process are covered under the Small Unit Exemption.

As noted by the AQB engineer, compliance with DNR rules, in particular fugitive emission and opacity rules per 567 Iowa Administrative Code 23.3(2)"c" and 567-23.3(2)"d" respectively, is required.

I visited the area again on April 6, 2020, and observed no opacity or fugitive violations.

If you have questions, contact me at 712/250-8645 (cell)

Sincerely,

  
Holly Vandemark  
Environmental Specialist Senior  
Field Services & Compliance Bureau

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CC Reid Bermel, AQB, DNR, Des Moines, IA via email  
Scott Johnson, Facility Manager, Alter, 2603 9<sup>th</sup> AVE, Council Bluffs, IA 51501  
Complainants  
Facility AQ File

Complainant photos (2)



