

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

GARY C. RIKARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 29, 2016

Ms. Janie Rodriguez Oscar Renda Constracting Inc. 608 Henrietta Creek Road Roanoke, Texas 76262

Dear Ms. Rodriguez:

Re:

Inspection Report

Biloxi, City of, Infrastructure Repair Program

Biloxi, Mississippi Harrison County

GP-Construction Coverage No. MSR105846

Enclosed is a copy of the construction storm water inspection report completed as a result of this office's inspection at the City of Biloxi Infrastructure Repair Project on 10/12/2016. The report should be used by you as a guide for complying with requirements and limitations stated in your permit.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (601) 961-5386 or at abyrd@mdeq.ms.gov.

Sincerely,

Austin Byrd

Construction and Building Materials Branch

Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Division

cc: Mr. Damon Torricelli, City of Biloxi

Ms. Jennifer C. Matranga, Oscar Renda Contracting (electronically)

Agency Interest No. 54503 INS20160001





Mississippi Department of Environmental Qual Office of Pollution Control Water Compliance Inspection Report

Site Name: Biloxi, City of, Infrastructure Repair Program

Permit Number(s): GP-Construction Coverage No. MSR105846

Physical Address

Biloxi, MS 39530

Harrison County

Mailing Address

City of Biloxi, 140 Lameuse Street

Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

Evaluation Type: Compliance Evaluation Inspection - Stormwater

Date of Evaluation: 10/12/2016

Facility Type: Industrial

Inspection Participants: Austin Byrd, MDEQ

Danny Beasley, MDEQ Steve Bailey, MDEQ

Purpose of Inspection

This Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) was conducted following multiple complaints (CTS 41917 and CTS 42091) MDEQ has received in recent weeks regarding dust from the construction activity associated with the City of Biloxi's infrastructure repair project.

Permit Status

Large Construction Storm Water Certificate of Permit Coverage No. MSR105846 was issued to the City of Biloxi for their infrastructure repair project. It appears that the permit has been modified multiple times, as new sections (or phases) have been added since the initial Certificate of Permit Coverage was issued.

Facility Description

The infrastructure repair project is a linear project that has resulted in the demolition of multiple roads throughout the City of Biloxi. Some of the roads currently have new asphalt on them, while some are still dirt. The complaints filed with MDEQ appear to be referring to the roads that have been demolished and have been dirt for an extended period of time. As these roads get traveled on a daily basis, the dust becomes worse and worse each day.

Inspection Summary

MDEQ arrived at the Oscar Renda Contracting lay down yard on October 12, 2016. The lay down yard/office is located on Reynoir Street in Biloxi, MS. Upon arrival, MDEQ met with Project Manager, Mrs. Jennifer C. Matranga and General Superintendent, John Cowart, both of whom were very informative about the construction project.

Mrs. Matranga provided MDEQ with records that have been recorded during the course of the project. These records included the required weekly inspections for the large construction storm water general permit, water truck logs, and the Safety Data Sheet for a dust control agent that has been used on the project site. The two representatives for Oscar Renda informed MDEQ that they were aware of the dust complaints, but they were running water trucks as much as possible.

During the conversation with Oscar Renda, MDEQ asked why some of the roads have been left without being stabilized for an extended period of time. MDEQ was informed that as construction progressed, it was determined that new plans would be needed for different areas of the infrastructure repair project. At that point, the asphalt had been removed from the road, leaving a surface that is not stabilized. The time frame required for a new set of plans or for a change order on the current set of plans has taken weeks to complete. Oscar Renda has applied a dust control agent on two sections of roadway. The first section of roadway the agent was applied to appeared to work well according to Mr. Cowart. The second time the agent was used, an afternoon rain event caused the agent to be ineffective.

As explained to MDEQ, Oscar Renda is doing everything they can in order to try and reduce the dust on the roads. Oscar Renda informed MDEQ that they could not apply a dust control agent to all of the disturbed roadways because of the high cost and the City of Biloxi (project owner) was not willing to compensate them for additional money spent. MDEQ learned that conversation between Oscar Renda and the City of Biloxi has gone back and forth during the course of the project regarding the plan changes and the dusting issues. According to Oscar Renda, the City of Biloxi is providing no additional compensation to the project contractor.

Conclusions

At this time, no violations will be noted as result of this inspection. Please continue to apply water as needed to reduce dust as much as possible. Please keep us apprised of any new conversations held with the City of Biloxi regarding dust control.

The attached photos represent an area under construction, and documents that have been filed during the course of the construction project.

Signature:

Date: ///28/20/6

Photos / Other Attachments



Figure 1

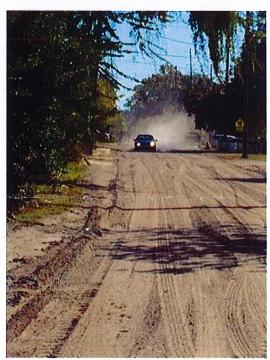


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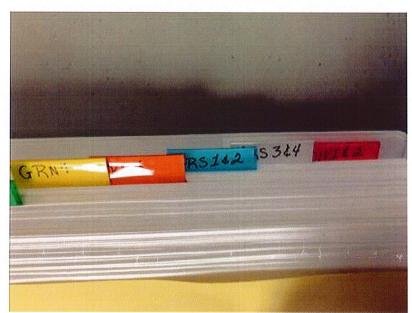


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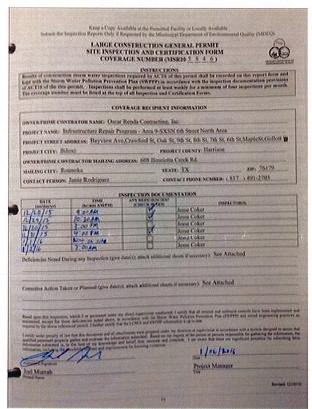


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