



REGION 5

CHICAGO, IL 60604

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: CLEAN AIR ACT INSPECTION REPORT
Holsum of Fort Wayne, Inc., La Porte, Indiana

FROM: Dakota Prentice, Environmental Engineer
AECAB (IL/IN)

THRU: Nathan Frank, Section Supervisor
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TO: File

BASIC INFORMATION

Facility Name: Holsum of Fort Wayne, Inc. (dba Lewis Bakeries, Inc.)

Facility Location: 800 Boyd Boulevard, La Porte, Indiana

Date of Inspection: May 2, 2024

EPA Inspector(s):

1. Dakota Prentice, Environmental Engineer
2. Veronica Fischer, Environmental Engineer

Other Attendees:

1. Alejandro Abdo, Lewis Bakeries – Plant Manager
2. Nelson Boyd, Lewis Bakeries – VP, Environmental & Safety
3. Buddy Lau, Lewis Bakeries – Maintenance Engineer

Contact Email Address: Alejandro Abdo – aabdo@lewisbakeries.com and Nelson Boyd – nboyd@lewisbakeries.com

Purpose of Inspection: to determine compliance with the Part 70 Operating Permit issued by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)

Facility Type: Commercial Bakery

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Regulations Central to Inspection: conditions of the Part 70 Operating Permit, issued by IDEM on April 11, 2022

Arrival Time: 1:10 PM

Departure Time: 2:20 PM

Inspection Type:

- ☒ Unannounced Inspection
- ☐ Announced Inspection

OPENING CONFERENCE

- ☒ Presented Credentials
- ☒ Stated authority and purpose of inspection
- ☒ Provided Small Business Resource Information Sheet
- ☒ Provided CBI warning to facility

The following information was obtained verbally from Holsum representatives unless otherwise noted.

Process Description:

The facility produces bread and buns using two dedicated production lines. Production begins with the delivery of raw material including flour, yeast, and liquid sucrose. Ingredients for specific recipes are weighed in the scale area. The ingredients for the recipe are then taken to one of three mixers where they are mixed with yeast and material from the brew process. After mixing, the dough is conveyed to one of three dividers to cut the dough into appropriate sizes. The dough is then placed into pans and conveyed to one of two proofers. From the proofers, the dough goes to one of two ovens for baking, then through a cooling system prior to final packaging.

The facility also has a brew process to pre-ferment a portion of the dough prior to the mixing stage of production. Additional fermentation then occurs once the pre-ferment is mixed with the other ingredients and continues through the proofers. There is one brew process for both the bread line and the bun line.

Staff Interview: The facility has a dedicated proofer and oven for both bread and bun production. Emissions from both ovens are uncontrolled.

TOUR INFORMATION

EPA Toured the Facility: Yes

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Data Collected and Observations:

EPA walked through the entire production line from the scaling of raw materials through to baked bread exiting the ovens. EPA also observed the two brew processes, which are located in open areas of the plant. During the tour EPA recorded six videos using an optical gas imaging camera, see Appendix A.

Photos and/or Videos: were taken during the inspection and are listed in Appendix A.

Field Measurements: were not taken during this inspection.

CLOSING CONFERENCE

☒ Provided U.S. EPA point of contact to the facility

Requested documents:

- Annual emission calculations for the last three years with associated spreadsheets;
- Potential to emit calculations and actual emissions for the last three years from the two brew processes at the facility; and
- The application for renewal of the Part 70 Operating Permit issued on August 7, 2020, and the application for the current Part 70 Operating Permit issued on April 11, 2022.

DIGITAL SIGNATURES

Report Author: DAKOTA PRENTICE Digitally signed by DAKOTA PRENTICE
Date: 2024.05.23 15:10:19 -05'00'

Section Supervisor: NATHAN FRANK Digitally signed by NATHAN FRANK
Date: 2024.05.28 10:53:19 -05'00'

APPENDICES

1. Appendix A: Digital Video Log

Facility Name: Holsum of Fort Wayne, Inc.
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APPENDIX A: DIGITAL VIDEO LOG

Inspector Name: V. Fischer **Archival Record Location:** R5 Electronic Record Center – ECAD >
AECAB Library > Enf_Holsum La Porte_IN_24 > Inspection > FLIR Videos

Image Number	File Name	Date	Latitude and Longitude	Description of Image
1	FLIR0178.mp4	5/2/2024	Not Available	Entry to Bun Line Proofer
2	FLIR0179.mp4	5/2/2024	Not Available	Exit from Bun Line Proofer
3	FLIR0180.mp4	5/2/2024	Not Available	Bun Oven
4	FLIR0181.mp4	5/2/2024	Not Available	Bread Proofer
5	FLIR0182.mp4	5/2/2024	Not Available	Bread Oven
6	FLIR0183.mp4	5/2/2024	Not Available	Bread Oven