Complaint Id: 4563 Complaint Date and Time (Mountain Time): 6/19/2009 11:49:00
AM Complaint Recorder: Krinke, Thomas W. Office:
Boise Regional Office
Subject
General
☐ Agriculture ☐ Air ☐ Engineering ☐ Ground Water/Remediation ☐ Surface
Water Odor Other Drinking Water
Air
Stationary Source Fugitive Dust Open Burning Odors Other CRB
Water
WLAP Drinking Water Other Surface Water Ground Water Waste Water
Waste
RCRA Solid Waste UST/LUST Remediation Other
Referral from
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District Other EPA
Referral to
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District Other EPA
Complainant / Complainee
Keep Anonymous:
Complainant Name:*
Jonelle (did
Complainant FULL Address:
Hwy 95 in Pa
Complainant Phone:
Complaint Against:*
Problem
Problem Description:*
A very strong odor from an onion processing facility in PAyette Co. is emitted 2x/day every 12 hours. It

causes her to become ill. She did not state the type of illness she experiences when she detetcs the

Problem Location (address, directions, etc.):

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Notifications - *E-mail addresses to notify of changes or updates* * (at least one required)NOTE: By default, regional administrators automatically receive a copy of all e-mails sent for their region.

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Response(s)

Responder Name:

Date: 6/19/2009 12:00:00 AM

Response:

Called Jonelle on 6/19/09 @ 11:45 am. listened to her explain situation of odor and gave her the phone # to call deq with the name and the address/phone number of the company. expect to hear back from Jonelle over the weekend with the information necessary to contact the facility and find out what the cause of the odor is.

Add Response:



Concluder Name:

Date: 7/9/2009 12:00:00 AM

Conclusion:

I called Partners Produce on 7/9/09 and asked to speak to the PIC. The receptionist informed me that George Rodriguez was the owner and he was not at the plant but he could be reached by calling him on his cell phone (208-371-6261). I called that number and left a message for Rodriquez. A few minutes later, he called me back and we discussed the odor complaint. He stated that it may have been due to older onions that were being processed or two dead horses in a nearby property (not likely). Mr. Rodriquez suggested that if the complainant has future complaints to have her call him at the above phone number to let him know and he will be more than happy to try and resolve the problem. I will call the complainant back and let her know the results of my conversation with Mr. Rodriquez and his

request to call him should future odor issues occur.

Due to the distance involved and lack of more than one complaint, DEQ did not drive to Payette to do an on site investigation. This complaint will now be closed unless DEQ receives additional complaints.

This facility should be visited in the future as there may be air quality issues associated with the daily operations/processes of onion processing. Issues to be determined will include types of processing equipment located within the facility, types of emissions involved, the need to obtain a PTC or self exemption documentation, and compliance with applicable IDAPA Rules. This facility will be visited during a future DEQ trip to the Payette/Weiser area as time allows.

