



August 14th, 2017

Mr. Eric Gustafson
Air Quality Program Manager
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
230 Chestnut Street
Meadville, PA 16335

Dear Mr. Gustafson:

The new Direct Environmental Services (DES) inspector Mr. Frankie Mattei performed the Method 303 inspection Friday, August 11th, 2017. He "observed" an uncharacteristically excessive number of leaks on this inspection. When our foreman that works 8pm to 8am, Kerrick Caldwell, came in, he was informed of the number of leaks. Through conversation, Kerrick Caldwell and Mr. Mattei both went out to the coke-side bench so Mr. Mattei could show Kerrick exactly what he sees and counts as leaks. Kerrick told Mr. Mattei that he is not seeing the leaks that Mr. Mattei is counting. In this process, Mr. Mattei told Kerrick that when he sees a "haze" above the door, he counts that as a frame leak.

This morning, through a phone conversation, Jerry Crowder, the owner of Crowder Environmental Associates, Inc., who trains inspectors, told me that, "If you cannot see where the leak is coming from, you cannot count it. You must see the point of exit." Mr. Crowder went on to explain that the smoke could be coming from a number of other places and making it look like the door has "something" coming from it.

In fact, we spoke to other associates affiliated with DES who concur "if you cannot determine where the leak is coming from, you do not count the leak."

Erie Coke Corporation would like to appeal the inspection results from Friday August 11th, 2017, due to this information. What do we need to start this appeal process?

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Erie Coke Corporation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AN', is written over a horizontal line.

Anthony S. Nearhoof
Plant Superintendent

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Cindy Rogers