

Morrow, Kirk

From: NDEQ Problem
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 9:24 AM
To: Goans, Steve
Subject: FW: RE: Stench (Western Sugar Cooperative)

RE: Western Sugar Cooperative
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

NDEQ ID: 44141

PROGRAM ID: 082117-KM-0858

From: Brian Kaman [mailto:zeke_61@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 11:10 AM
To: NDEQ Problem <ndeq.problem@nebraska.gov>
Subject: Re: RE: Stench (Western Sugar Cooperative)

Kirk,

Thank you for your reply. It is an ongoing problem. It used to only be during Western's processing of the actual beets, but it has turned into a everyday occurrence. Something needs to be done. I know Western Sugar is an important part of the agribusiness component of Western Nebraska but they shouldn't be able to spew this horrible odor without some consequence or being forced to comply with some environmental pollution standards. I was born and raised here and have never smelled it as bad as it has been the last couple of years. I have seen news reports that they are working on a solution, but it is not getting better.

On Monday, August 21, 2017, 8:12:33 AM MDT, NDEQ Problem <ndeq.problem@nebraska.gov> wrote:

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Mr. Kaman:

Thank you for contacting the department. Your questions and concerns are similar to those we have seen posed previously. I am not sufficiently familiar with the scope of the problem(s) related to the Western Sugar Cooperative to answer your questions. However, I have recorded your concerns and forwarded the information to the Department's Water Division for further evaluation.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brian Kaman [mailto:zeke_61@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, August 20, 2017 10:18 AM

To: NDEQ Problem <ndeq.problem@nebraska.gov>

Subject: Stench

I am writing to report the awful stench caused by the Western Sugar Company factory in Scottsbluff. It is horrible in Scottsbluff any time there is an east wind. I don't think it is their settling ponds. I think it is caused by some process they are doing. It is absolutely horrible, unbearable to be outside! Something needs to be done! I don't understand how they are allowed to continue to spew this stench into the air! Why isn't anything being done?