

Hattie B. Benet

From: Hattie B. Benet
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 9:05 AM
To: Gala, Chetan
Cc: Bill McCabe; Tammy Gambill; Kevin McLain; John Fuss
Subject: RE: (Investigations/Other - FY23-261145-3800-CV) Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Tennessee

Importance: High

Good Morning Mr. Gala,

Concerning complaint 126020 as described in the email chain which follows: The State of Tennessee Division of Air Pollution Control does not regulate indoor or outdoor fungus including the microflora *baudoinia compniacensis*, an organism commonly found in the environment surrounding a distillery's maturation warehouses. New barrel houses are being constructed but the facility has provision for the construction of additional barrel houses in their current operating permit. The facility currently has a pending T5 renewal as well as a pending minor modification to the current permit to add an additional 23 whisky maturation warehouses. The mention of filtration and thus design of the barrel houses associated with this complaint has been referred to our permitting section who are working with the facility to obtain additional information needed. This request was sent certified mail to the facility on December 8, 2022 with a deadline for information submission within 60 days of letter receipt. Additional information was received on February 13, 2023 and is currently being reviewed by our permitting team. If you need additional details regarding this matter, Mr. John Fuss as copied on this email is the team member in permitting working on this case and will be the best point of contact. Please let me know if you have additional questions.

Thank you,

Hattie Benet



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From: Tammy Gambill <Tammy.Gambill@tn.gov>
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To: Bill McCabe <Bill.McCabe@tn.gov>; Martie Carpenter <Martie.Carpenter@tn.gov>
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From: Gala, Chetan <Gala.Chetan@epa.gov>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: (Investigations/Other - FY23-261145-3800-CV) Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Tennessee

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Good afternoon.

Please refer to the email chain for a complaint/tip concerning Jack Daniels/Brown-Foreman's alleged building of whisky barrel houses without any permit. The construction was already underway when the complaint was made in December 2022, however, the land was not yet rezoned at the time.

Please appropriately address the complaint/tip.

Sincerely,

Chetan Gala

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12/15/2022 12:01 PM

HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY23-261145-3800-CV

SUBJECT: Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Tennessee

FROM: wt9448@yahoo.com

TO:

Name: Warren Ferry

Phone: 262-344-6855

Alleged Violator's Name: Jack Daniels/Brown-Foreman Corporation

Alleged Violator's Address: 53 Cecil Johnson Rd

Alleged Violator's City: MULBERRY

Alleged Violator's State: Tennessee

Alleged Violator's Zip: 37359

Tip or Complaint: Jack Daniels owned by the Brown-Foreman Corporation is building 4 Barrell house next to and behind my property for barrel aging and another 20 next to residences in Lincoln County, TN. The barrel houses they have in Moore County, TN, (which borders Lincoln County and is home of Jack Daniels). The EPA standards for the Moore County barrel houses are different from the new ones they are building but are using the OLD EPA's standards on the new barrel houses. The Moore County barrel houses hold 20,000 barrels of whiskey, is ventilated and covers my property with black fungus which damages our property and kills our vegetation. The new barrel house will hold 3 times the barrels at 60,000, is completely sealed and has one access point to vent out the ETHANOL ALCOHOL that will kill and injure vegetation, be a Health Hazard to humans and animals/cattle and immensely increase the risk of an EXLOSION as the ETHANOL Alcohol now being concentrated and released as it has close to the same Flash Point as Gasoline. These barrel houses are being built without any permits and the land is still zoned Agricultural and now the December 20th meeting is being held to get it approved Commercial after they are already built and being built. Jack Daniels refuses to release the building plans to the Lincoln County officials as they are in violation of the EPA's regulations. There is a Facebook group organized by a Patrick Long called "Jack Daniels Barrel House Filtration". Patrick Long had a virtual meeting and can be viewed on this group's page as he has the details on all the unauthorized building health hazards, property damage and corruption of Jack Daniels and some Lincoln County, TN officials. There is a meeting on December 20th at 5:30 PM at the Lincoln County Courthouse and the EPA needs to attend. Several news/media outlets will also be there. I hope the EPA will take this seriously and take action as this is an IMMEDIATE HEALTH HAZARD. The photo I attached doesn't do it justice as how close these new barrels house is to our residences.

Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No