

## Hattie B. Benet

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**From:** Hattie B. Benet  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 7:21 AM  
**To:** Gala, Chetan  
**Cc:** Bill McCabe; Tammy Gambill; John Fuss  
**Subject:** RE: (CAA - FY23-267773-3714-CV) Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Tennessee

**Importance:** High

Dear Mr. Gala:

Concerning complaint 126283 received on date, alleging “Affecting physical health, animals and environment” in Moore County.

3/16/2023 8:12 PM

HQ LEAD NUMBER: FY23-267773-3714-CV

SUBJECT: Regional Tip and/or Complaint - Tennessee

FROM:

TO:

Alleged Violator's Name: Jack Daniels/Brown Forman

Alleged Violator's Address: 844 Lynchburg Hwy

Alleged Violator's City: Mulberry

Alleged Violator's State: Tennessee

Alleged Violator's Zip: 37359

Tip or Complaint: Affecting physical health, animals and environment

Violation Still Occurring? Yes

State DEP/DEQ/DEM Notified? No

The State of Tennessee Division of Air Pollution Control does not regulate indoor or outdoor fungus or mold including the microflora *baudoinia compniacensis*, an organism commonly found in the environment surrounding a distillery's maturation warehouses. Additionally, the Division does not regulate odors. However, if an odor complaint is associated with a process or air emissions source, the Division will conduct a site investigation to ensure the odor is not a result of deviation from a permit condition.

Operating Permit 572445 was issued on June 7, 2018 for facility 64-0013 for beverage alcohol manufacturing. New whisky maturation warehouses are being constructed but the facility has provision for the construction of additional warehouses in their current operating permit. The facility currently has a pending major source permit 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 is the team member in permitting working on this case and will be the best point of contact. He can be reached at 615-532-0535 or [John.Fuss@tn.gov](mailto:John.Fuss@tn.gov).

The Division of Air Pollution Control conducts routine inspections of all major sources biennially. Additional inspections may be completed between routine inspections if; complaints are received, deviations from permit conditions occur, or other reason for concern. The facility inspection consists of a records review and facility tour, observing all emissions points and processes. This ensures compliance or identifies deviation for all permit conditions. Major source facilities are also required to submit annual and semi-annual compliance reports which require identification of compliance or deviation from all permit conditions. The most recent inspection of facility 64-0013 was on March 16, 2023. The facility was found to be in compliance with all conditions of permit 572445.

We appreciate your concern for the air quality in Tennessee. If further clarification or assistance is needed, feel free to contact me at 931-840-4159 or by email at [Hattie.B.Benet@tn.gov](mailto:Hattie.B.Benet@tn.gov).

Sincerely,

Hattie Benet



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**From:** Bill McCabe <[Bill.McCabe@tn.gov](mailto:Bill.McCabe@tn.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 7:09 AM  
**To:** Hattie B. Benet <[Hattie.B.Benet@tn.gov](mailto:Hattie.B.Benet@tn.gov)>  
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The JDD complaint

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**From:** Tammy Gambill <[Tammy.Gambill@tn.gov](mailto:Tammy.Gambill@tn.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 9:56 AM  
**To:** Bill McCabe <[Bill.McCabe@tn.gov](mailto:Bill.McCabe@tn.gov)>; Martie Carpenter <[Martie.Carpenter@tn.gov](mailto:Martie.Carpenter@tn.gov)>  
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**From:** Gala, Chetan <[Gala.Chetan@epa.gov](mailto:Gala.Chetan@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 9:09 AM  
**To:** Tammy Gambill <[Tammy.Gambill@tn.gov](mailto:Tammy.Gambill@tn.gov)>; Kevin McLain <[Kevin.McLain@tn.gov](mailto:Kevin.McLain@tn.gov)>  
**Cc:** Groendyke, Todd <[Groendyke.Todd@epa.gov](mailto:Groendyke.Todd@epa.gov)>; Kler, Denis <[Kler.Denis@epa.gov](mailto:Kler.Denis@epa.gov)>; Chatfield, Ethan <[chatfield.ethan@epa.gov](mailto:chatfield.ethan@epa.gov)>; Ferrando, Emily (she/her/hers) <[Ferrando.Emily@epa.gov](mailto:Ferrando.Emily@epa.gov)>  
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Good morning.

Please refer to the email chain below for a complaint concerning Jack Daniels/Brown Foreman, Mulberry TN. Alleged impact on health, animals and the environment.

Please address appropriately and provide feedback.

Sincerely,

**Chetan Gala**

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