Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality Agency Facility Inspection Report

Facility Inspection Information					
Facility Name:	Glatfelter Industries Asheville, Inc.				
Date of Inspection:	February 16, 2026		**Last Inspected:**	May 13, 2025	
Mailing Address:	1265 Sand Hill Road Candler, NC 28715		**Physical Location:**	1265 Sand Hill Road Candler, NC 28715	
Contact Name:	EHS position vacant			**Phone Number:**	Not known yet
Contact Email:	WilliamBunn@magnera.com (Site Director)				
Permit #:	11-862-18C	**Issued:**	May 14, 2018	**Expires:**	March 31, 2026
Inspector(s):	Steve Ensley				
Results:	Appears in compliance			**Inspection Time:**	1030

Introduction

On February 16, 2026, I traveled to Glatfelter Industries Asheville, Inc., formerly Jacob Holm Industries (America), Inc. to perform an unannounced compliance inspection. Glatfelter manufactures spunlace non-woven textiles that are used in a variety of applications including baby wipes and flushable wipes. Operation of this facility is granted under permit number 11-862-18C which was issued on May 14, 2018, amended September 14, 2020, September 27, 2021, and May 24, 2022, and expires on March 31, 2026. I met with Bill Bunn and Maintenance Manager Nathan Young who gave me a tour. Mr. Young explained that their EHS manager position has been vacant for some time. It was briefly filled by Nick Brand in 2025 but the position is now vacant again. Mr. Young stated that there had been no changes to the facility nor had any equipment been added or removed since the last inspection. He also mentioned that production is down this year due to market share lost when they weren't able to operate following Helene. He estimated that they are operating at 66% capacity. Line 5 was down at the time of the inspection due to a malfunction.

Safety Equipment / Special Instructions

Steel-toed shoes, hearing protection, and a safety vest, are required while touring the facility.

Permitted Equipment

Emission Source Description	Control Device	Observation
One (1) spunlace non-woven textile slitting process	ES-2: One Dust Control Filter (80-20-025) with 1,153 square feet of filter area.	In operation. No emissions observed. Pressure drop .5 in H_2O. Mr. Young explained that this source is vented inside.
One (1) spunlace non-woven manufacturing process (Line 6) controlled by ES-3, ES-4, ES-5, ES6	ES-3: One (1) Dust Control Filter (25-10-000) with 16,275 square feet of filter area.	Observed In operation. No visible emissions observed. Pressure drop 385 Pa
	ES-4: One (1) Dust Control Filter (25-20-000) with 16,275 square feet of filter area.	Observed In operation. No visible emissions observed. Pressure drop 61 Pa
	ES-5: One (1) Dust Control Filter (25-30-000) with 16,275 square feet of filter area.	Observed In operation. No visible emissions observed. Pressure drop 218 Pa
	ES-6: One (1) Dust Control Filter (25-40-000) with 16,275 square feet of filter area.	Observed In operation. No visible emissions observed. Pressure drop unable to be observed.
One (1) HVAC process	ES-7: one Dust Control Filter (GS6) with 2,098 square feet of filter area.	Not in operation. Mr. Young stated that this has not operated for years. We will need to follow up with the company to see if they need to continue to permit this equipment.

Exempt Sources:

Emission Source Description	Observation
One spunlace non-woven textile manufacturing process with emissions vented indoors (Line 5).	Not in operation
One closed loop fan and cyclone separator	Not in operation
Natural gas burner 1 with a maximum heat input rating of 23.20 million BTU/hr	Not in operation
Natural gas burner 2 with a maximum heat input rating of 3.14 million BTU/hr	Not in operation
Natural gas burner 3 with a maximum heat input rating of 2.07 million BTU/hr	Not in operation

Natural gas burner 4 with a maximum heat input rating of 31.39 million BTU/hr	Not in operation

Permit Conditions:

The following permit conditions were reviewed during this inspection:

- A.7 – This condition requires that the permittee maintain and operate the facility at all times so that the overall reduction in air pollutants, in accordance with applicable standards, is achieved. **The facility has developed a maintenance schedule for equipment and is maintaining records of all maintenance. Additionally, the facility is maintaining an inventory of spare parts for equipment. The facility has established standard operating procedures for equipment and is training equipment operators on the procedures.**
- A.8 – This condition requires that the facility notify the Agency in the event of a malfunction. **The facility has not experienced any malfunctions since the last inspection.**
- A.11 – This condition requires that the facility pay their annual permit fee on a timely basis. **The facility is up-to-date on fee payments. The facility last submitted their fee payment on May 6, 2025.**
- A.12 – This condition states that the facility is required to submit a permit renewal request no later than ninety (90) days prior to permit expiration**. The facility's permit renewal application was due on December 31, 2025 and received on December 29, 2025.**
- A.14 – This condition states changes to the facility that are not exempt pursuant to AB Air Quality Code 17.0102 may be allowed without first modifying an applicable air permit if the change(s) meet(s) the requirements of AB Air Quality Code 17.0318(b)(1)

through (b)(5) and the owner or operator notifies the Director in writing, using forms provided by the Agency. **The facility has not made any changes.**

- A.15 – This condition requires the facility retain a copy of the permit on the premises. **The facility had a copy of their current operating permit on-site.**
- B.2 – This condition states the facility shall be operated to prevent odorous emissions from being emitted beyond the boundary of the facility. **No odors were observed during the inspection.**
- B.3 – This condition establishes the allowable PM emission rate for each emission point using an equation based on a function of the process weight rate. **The table below lists the calculated emission rates. The emission rates are below the calculated emission limit.**

Emission Source	Process Weight Rate (tons/hour)	Particulate Matter Emission Limit (lbs/hour)	Maximum Potential Emissions (lbs/hour)*
ES2[1]	0.001	0.04	0.01
ES3[1]	0.100	0.88	0.23
ES4[1]	0.100	0.88	0.23
ES5[1]	0.100	0.88	0.23
ES6[1]	0.100	0.88	0.23
ES7[1]	0.129	1.04	0.01

*Emission rate with control devices operating.

[1]Maximum design capacities are 2.2 pounds an hour for ES-2, 200 pounds per hour for E-3 through E-6, and 257 pounds per hour for ES-7.

- B.4 – This condition limits visible emissions from all sources to no more than 20 percent opacity when averaged over a six-minute period. **No visible emissions were observed during the inspection.**

- B.5 – This condition states that the permittee shall not cause or allow fugitive dust emissions to cause or contribute to substantive complaints or excess visible emissions beyond the property boundary. The facility is minimizing fugitive emissions and actively working to prevent any fugitive emissions from leaving the site. **No fugitive emissions were observed leaving the site during the inspection.**
- B.6 – This condition establishes the synthetic minor emissions limits the facility must meet in order to avoid Title V applicability. **The facility is meeting these requirements by meeting the requirements of condition B.7**.
- B.7 – This condition requires the facility to operate the dust control filters on their equipment at all times when the process is operating. **The facility is not operating ES-2 – ES-7 without its associated dust control filters.**
- B.8 – This condition states that the facility must inspect and maintain their dust control filters and maintain a logbook of these activities**. The facility is conducting monthly checks on the dust control filters. All items checked during the facility's prior annual inspections are now conducted monthly in order to attempt to cut down on blockages and malfunctions. Issues found during these monthly checks receive immediate corrective action. The facility provided monthly service records for the dust collectors. All units were last inspected on February 11, 2026.**
- B.9 – This condition requires the facility to submit an annual report by February 15th. **The facility is submitting annual reports as required. The most recent report was received on February 11, 2026. For 2025, the facility operated for a total of 7152 hrs. Before Helene, the facility normally operated 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Due to market share lost during the downtime following the storm, they are operating at approximately 66% of capacity. The facility used a total of 148,736,000 cubic feet of natural gas.**

Compliance History:

On June 14, 2022 a notice of deficiency (NOD) was issued to Glatfelter (Jacob Holm) for late submittal of their annual report for 2021.

On February 22, 2024, a notice of violation (NOV) was issued to Glatfelter (Jacob Holm) for violation of permit condition A.7. Permit Condition A.7 of Permit No. 11-862-18C states that the facility should be "operated and maintained at all times so that the overall reduction in air pollutants, in accordance with applicable standards, is achieved." On January 18th, 2024 the Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality Agency (AB Air Quality) received a complaint about material that originated from the Glatfelter facility at 1265 Sandhill Road in Candler, NC. AB Air Quality Agency arrived at the facility and found that material that was supposed to be contained in the compacter was instead released to the outside due to some missing ductwork on ES-2. By diverting material to the compacter without the ductwork in place in ES-2, this allowed air pollutants to escape what would normally be contained in your dust collection system, which includes the compacter. A Notice of Violation for failure to comply with condition A.7 was issued on February 22, 2024 that included a request for additional information about the most recent incident. On March 18, 2024, the facility submitted the requested information including what caused the excess emissions. A civil penalty of $6,852.00 for this incident was issued on July 24, 2024. This was resolved when the penalty was paid on 8/26/24.

Conclusion:

Based on the above information, Glatfelter Industries Asheville, Inc. appears to be in compliance with all applicable regulations of the AB Air Quality Code. It is recommended that this permit be renewed.

Signature: _____ **Date:** 3/5/2026

Reviewer Signature: _____ **Date:** 3/4/2026

Supervisor Signature: _____ **Date:** 3/4/2026