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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT: Scheduled Inspection**

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FACILITY: Universal Equipment		SRN / ID: B4736
LOCATION: 155 SOUTH WATERMAN, DETROIT		DISTRICT: Detroit
CITY: DETROIT		COUNTY: WAYNE
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 07/19/2019
STAFF: Stephen Weis	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: MINOR
SUBJECT: Compliance inspection of the Universal Equipment facility in Detroit. The Universal facility is scheduled for inspection in FY 2019.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Location:

Universal Equipment (B4736)
155 South Waterman Street
Detroit 48209

Date of Activity:

Friday, July 19, 2019

Personnel Present:

Steve Weis, EGLE-AQD Detroit Office

Purpose of Activity

A self-initiated inspection of the Universal Equipment facility (hereinafter "Universal") in Detroit was conducted on Friday, July 19, 2019. The Universal facility was on my list of sources targeted for an inspection during FY 2019. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance of operations at the Universal facility with applicable rules, regulations and standards as promulgated by Public Act 451 of 1994 (NREPA, Part 55 Air Pollution Control), and with applicable Federal standards.

Facility Site Description

The Universal facility property is located on the east side of Waterman Street between Fort Street and West Jefferson Avenue. The facility's property, which consisted of a 1.88-acre parcel, is located to the south of the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks and right-of-way. The property is located in Detroit's Delray neighborhood. The closest operating facility is the Sakthi Automotive Group USA facility (6401 West Fort St., P0380), which is located to the north of the Universal property on the north side of the railroad right-of-way.

The Universal facility property is located within the boundaries of the footprint for the Port of Entry (POE) on the United States side of the Gordie Howe International Bridge, which is in the early stages of construction. The POE boundaries are South Campbell Street to the east, South Post Street to the west, the Norfolk Southern railroad right-of-way to the north and West Jefferson Avenue to the south. The proposed POE will include approaches to and from the bridge, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol operations, and buffer areas surrounding the POE. A diagram is attached to this report that shows the proposed U.S. POE, with the location of the Universal facility property highlighted, and a rendering of the multi-use paths associated with the U.S. POE, both of which show the boundaries of the POE area.

The Universal facility property was purchased by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) as part of the Gordie Howe Bridge project. MDOT sent "Notification of Intent to Renovate/Demolish" forms to EGLE-AQD to provide notice of the abatement of asbestos in and the demolition of the building structure on the International property, which MDOT refers to as Universal refrigeration 155. These forms indicated that the removal of asbestos from the facility's building structure was scheduled to take place between October 30 and November 13 of 2018, and that the demolition of the building structure was to take place between November 26, 2018 and January 31, 2019. Copies of these forms are attached to this report for reference.

I have also attached three pictures of the site – the first is a screen shot from Google Map's Street View feature that shows the Universal facility in 2018 when the building was still standing, the second is a screen shot from Google Earth's Street View feature that shows another picture of the property in July 2018 when the building was still standing, and I took the third photo on July 19, 2019 to show the status of the property at that time with the building structure demolished and the ground backfilled and graded. It is assumed that over time, the planned features of the POE will be constructed on the property.

Facility Operations

According to information in the facility file, the location at 155 South Waterman used to be home to Admiral Chrome Corporation. Based on information presented in an inspection report in the facility file from January 2006, Admiral ceased operations at the location approximately four years prior to that date. During a visit to the location in April of 2016 that I was a part of, the owner of Universal at that time, Demetrious Kyriazakos, said that he had owned the facility for 10 plus years at that point. Universal operated a restaurant equipment storage and distribution business in the 90,000 square foot building on the property, involving equipment such as ovens, fryers and refrigeration units. At that time, the facility did not have any process equipment (such as paint booths, cold cleaners), nor any boilers or emergency generators.

During the 2016 site visit, Mr. Kyriazakos said that this facility was eventually going to be demolished as part of the Gordie Howe Bridge project, and that he would be relocating his business. A Google search of the company name provides an address in Highland Park (15004 3rd Avenue), identifying it as a restaurant supply store. This address looks to be a residential address.

As described in the last section of this report, the property on which the Universal facility formerly operated has been cleared, and it will be incorporated into the U.S. Port of Entry for the Gordie Howe Bridge. It is unclear as to whether Universal Products is still in business at another location. From an air quality perspective, the company did not have any process equipment or permits associated with their operations on Waterman Street.

Permits/Regulations/Orders/Other

Permits

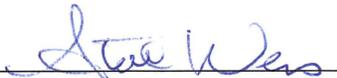
There are no Wayne County or State of Michigan permits associated with the facility location; I could find none associated with Admiral Chrome nor Universal Products.

Compliance Determination

Based upon the results of the July 19, 2019 site visit, the Universal Equipment facility in Detroit has permanently ceased operation. The building structure at this location has been demolished, and going forward, this location will be part of the U.S. Port of Entry for the to-be-constructed Gordie Howe International Bridge.

Attachments to this report: maps of the Port of Entry location; copies of the Notification of Intent to Renovate/Demolish forms for the building on the facility property; pictures of 155 South Waterman showing the property when the building structure was still standing, and one showing the property as of July 19, 2019 after the building had been demolished and the land had been cleared.

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