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

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FACILITY: MCDONALD FORD SALES		SRN / ID: M4455
LOCATION: 550 WEST SEVEN MILE ROAD, NORTHVILLE		DISTRICT: Detroit
CITY: NORTHVILLE		COUNTY: WAYNE
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 09/14/2018
STAFF: Stephen Weis	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: Minor
SUBJECT: Compliance inspection of the McDonald Ford vehicle dealership facility on Seven Mile Road in Northville. The facility is scheduled for inspection in FY 2018.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Location:

McDonald Ford Sales, Inc.
(SRN M4455)
550 West Seven Mile Road
Northville 48167

Date of Activity:

September 12, 2018

Personnel Present:

Steve Weis, DEQ-AQD Detroit Office

Purpose of Activity

A self-initiated inspection of the McDonald Ford facility (hereinafter "McDonald") in Northville was initiated on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. The McDonald facility was on my list of sources targeted for an inspection during FY 2018. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance of operations at the McDonald 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. The facility is not currently subject to any DEQ-AQD permits.

Facility Site Description

The property on which the McDonald facility operated is located at the southwest corner of West Seven Mile and Northville Roads. The property is a roughly 3 acre parcel that is bounded on the north by Seven Mile Road, and on the east by Northville Road. The property used to include two buildings, one at 550 West Seven Mile, and the other at 560 Northville Road. The Northville Road building is currently occupied by a fitness studio, and the property looks to be separate from the original parcel.

The area around the McDonald facility property is a mix of commercial properties and parkland. The areas to the south and west are part of Wayne County Park's Edward Hines Park Northville West Recreation Area. The property immediately to the east contains the aforementioned building housing the fitness studio. The property to the southwest contains Inch Memorials, a company that produces granite monuments. There is a commercial strip mall-type development on the north side of Seven Mile Road across from the McDonald property.

Facility Operations

The McDonald facility was formerly a Ford auto dealership. The facility included Ford vehicle sales, and vehicle and collision repair operations.

The McDonald facility is permanently shut down, as described in the next section of this report.

Inspection Narrative

I drove to the location on September 14, 2018, and I noted that there is a for sale sign along West Seven Mile Road. The for sale sign lists Thomas Duke Company as the listing real estate company, and advertises 2.88 acres for sale.

I looked online for information relating to the property and the entities that have owned it. I checked the status of the property on the Wayne County Register of Deeds website. I found information in the form of a Warranty Deed for the property showing that the parcels that make up the former McDonald's property were sold in January of 2012 to Main-Seven, LLC, a company based in Northville. A copy of the Warranty Deed is attached to this report. I checked the status of the companies that have owned the site on the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) Corporations Online Filing System website. Information on the LARA website shows that McDonald Ford Sales, Inc. was authorized to transact business in Michigan on November 30, 1967. I came across an article in *Crain's Detroit Business* dated March 29, 2006 in which it was mentioned that "...McDonald Ford in Northville is reportedly for sale." I also found the Filing Endorsement document for Main-Seven, LLC, showing that the entity was incorporated in March of 2010. The company also filed a 2018 Annual Statement. Copies of all of this information is attached to this report.

In the spring of 2012, the building structures and concrete slabs on the property were demolished. There is a file in the DEQ-AQD Detroit Office asbestos files titled "Former McDonald Ford – 550 W. Seven Mile Northville" that contains information related to this demolition activity.

As mentioned previously in this section, the property that was formerly owned by McDonald Ford is currently advertised as being for sale.

Permits/Regulations/Orders/Other

A permit was issued in March of 1989 to McDonald Ford by the former Wayne County Air Quality Management Division to address the installation and operation of a paint spray booth, which was presumably part of the facility's auto body repair operation. The permit (number C-8429) was voided by DEQ-AQD in August of 2007. A copy of the correspondence that was drafted to void that facility's permit, and a copy of the voided Wayne County Certificate of Operation are attached to this report.

Compliance Determination

Based upon the results of the site visit and the information gathered in relation to the property and the company, the McDonald Ford facility is no longer in operation.

Attachments to this report: a copy of the Warranty Deed information for the property; copies of information from the LARA website showing the background information and business status for the entities that have operated at the site; information relating to the voiding of the Wayne County permit that was issued to McDonald Ford.

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