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

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FACILITY: Stan Sax Corp - Waterman Plant		SRN / ID: B4776
LOCATION: 101 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 Stan Sax Corporation facility in Detroit. The Stan Sax facility is scheduled for inspection in FY 2019.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Location:

Stan Sax Corporation (B4776)
101 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 Stan Sax Corporation facility (hereinafter "Stan Sax") in Detroit was conducted on Friday, July 19, 2019. The Stan Sax 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 Stan Sax 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 Stan Sax 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 1.69-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. To the north of the facility location, on the north side of the railroad right-of-way, is the Sakthi Automotive Group USA facility (6401 West Fort St., P0380).

The Stan Sax 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 Stan Sax 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 Stan Sax property was purchased by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) as part of the Gordie Howe Bridge project. According to EGLE-AQD Asbestos Program staff, MDOT was responsible for the demolition of the building on the Stan Sax property, which would involve their submitting "Notification of Intent to Renovate/Demolish" forms to EGLE-AQD to provide notice of the demolition of the building structure, and ensuring that any asbestos containing material (ACM) associated with the building was properly addressed.

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 Stan Sax facility in 2009 when it was in operation, the second is a screen shot from Google

Earth's Street View feature that shows the property in July 2018 in the process of being cleared, 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 a description of facility operations from a report in the facility file from a facility inspection that was performed by the former Wayne County Air Quality Management Division, Stan Sax Corporation was a manufacturer of buffing compounds for metal surfaces. The company began operating at the Waterman Street location in 1954. The product was created by batch blending ingredients in 13 blend tanks that were located inside of the company's building. There were also 5 vertical storage tanks for ingredients that were located outside of the building.

The Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth Profit Corporation Information Update form for 2007 provides that the nature/kind of business that the corporation is engaged in is "Manufacturer and distributor of metal finishing supplies." The same form that was submitted for the company for subsequent years did not provide a description for the company. The 2018 form stated that the nature/kind of business that the corporation is engaged in is "Real estate investments". Copies of these forms are attached to this report for reference. The company address is provided on the 2018 form as 10900 Harper Avenue in Detroit. This property is currently the corporate offices for PVS Chemicals.

Additionally, a Google search of the company name provides what looks to be a residential address in West Bloomfield Township, along with a statement that the company is reported as permanently closed at this location.

Based on the information found for the company, it appears that Stan Sax Corporation has permanently ceased manufacturing operations.

Permits/Regulations/Orders/Other

Permits

The Stan Sax facility on Waterman Street had two permits that were issued to the facility by the former Wayne County Air Pollution Control Division – permit C-3335 for a dust collector, and permit C-3600 for a buffing compound mixer, which became effective on May 29, 1975. C-3335 does not appear to have an official permit (it would have been issued before C-3600), so that permit may not have been issued, perhaps due to the equipment not being installed. These permits can be voided.

Compliance Determination

Based upon the results of the July 19, 2019 site visit, the Stan Sax Corporation facility in Detroit has permanently ceased operation. The building structure at this location has been demolished, and it appears that the company is no longer in business at any other location. 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; pictures of 101 South Waterman, one showing the facility when it was in operation, one showing the property during the post-building demolition site work, and the third showing the property as of July 19, 2019; print outs of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth Profit Corporation Information Update forms showing the status of the company; a print out from the MacRAE's Blue Book directory which lists Stan Sax as out of business.

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