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

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<b>FACILITY:</b> International Specialty Tube		<b>SRN / ID:</b> P0674
<b>LOCATION:</b> 260 South Crawford, DETROIT		<b>DISTRICT:</b> Detroit
<b>CITY:</b> DETROIT		<b>COUNTY:</b> WAYNE
<b>CONTACT:</b>		<b>ACTIVITY DATE:</b> 07/19/2019
<b>STAFF:</b> Stephen Weis	<b>COMPLIANCE STATUS:</b> Compliance	<b>SOURCE CLASS:</b> MINOR
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Compliance inspection of the International Specialty Tube facility in Detroit. The facility is scheduled for inspection in FY 2019.		
<b>RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:</b>		

**Location:**

International Specialty Tube (P0674)  
260 South Crawford 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 International Specialty Tube facility (hereinafter "International") on South Crawford Street in Detroit was conducted on Friday, July 19, 2019. The International 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 International 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 International facility property is located on the west side of Crawford Street between Fort Street and West Jefferson Avenue. The facility's property, which consisted of a 2.6-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 International property on the north side of the railroad right-of-way.

The International 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 International 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 International 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 demolition of the building structure on the International property, which MDOT refers to as MDOT Parcel 5417, which was scheduled to take place between May 28 and August 8, 2018. The last revised Notification form indicates that the demolition was completed by May 30, 2018. Copies of these forms are attached to this report for reference.

I have also attached two pictures of the site – the first is a screen shot from Google Map's Street View feature

that shows the International facility when the building was still standing, and the second is a photo that I took 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, International Specialty Tube, which was identified as a subsidiary of the Livonia-based Crown Group, operated at the 260 South Crawford Street location starting in 1988 up until around 2006. International produced stainless steel tubing for the automotive industry, cutting, shaping and welding stainless steel into tube products. In 2006, International moved from the Crawford Street location to 6600 Mount Elliott Street on the northeast side of Detroit.

According to articles that appeared in various publications in February 2017, International was to close the Mount Elliott facility by November 30, 2017 due to the loss of a major customer for its products. Copies of a couple of the articles are attached to this report for reference. I drove by 6600 Mount Elliott, and there was a "For Sale or Lease" sign affixed to the building, along with the International Specialty Tube sign. Thus, it appears that International Specialty Tube is no longer operating at any location.

As described in the last section of this report, the property on which the International facility formerly operated on South Crawford Street has been cleared, and it will be incorporated into the U.S. Port of Entry for the Gordie Howe Bridge.

### **Permits/Regulations/Orders/Other**

#### **Permits**

AQD's Permit Cards permit tracking database lists one permit, Wayne County Permit C-11794, as associated with the International facility on South Crawford. The database entry for this permit states that the application status is unknown. A check of a Wayne County permit logbook in the AQD Detroit office associates Permit C-11794 with Intervale Excavating and Demolition. There is information in the facility file showing that a permit application was sent to Wayne County addressing the installation of a parts washer with an 800,000 BTU/hour heater. It appears that a permit was not issued, and there was communication indicating that the equipment was determined as exempt from permitting requirements. Thus, there are no active Wayne County or State of Michigan permits associated with the facility location.

### **Compliance Determination**

Based upon the results of the July 19, 2019 site visit, the International Specialty Tube facility that operated at 260 South Crawford Street 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 260 South Crawford 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; copies of articles relating to the closing of International's remaining facility on Mount Elliott Street in Detroit.

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