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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AIR QUALITY DIVISION
ACTIVITY REPORT: Self Initiated Inspection

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FACILITY: Dix Scrap Iron & Metal Co.		SRN / ID: P0975
LOCATION: 3890 Lonyo Avenue, DETROIT		DISTRICT: Detroit
CITY: DETROIT		COUNTY: WAYNE
CONTACT: John Dingell III , Owner		ACTIVITY DATE: 10/17/2018
STAFF: Jonathan Lamb	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: Minor
SUBJECT: Self-Initiated Inspection/Complaint Investigation, FY 2019		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

An inspection was performed on October 17, 2018, at the former site of Dix Scrap Iron & Metal Co., located at 3890 Lonyo (SRN P0975) in response to a complaint that the owner of the site had buried asbestos waste on the property and was using the site to burn insulation off of copper wiring. I was joined on the complaint by Jeanette Noechel, DEQ-WMRP, and Tammy Bell, DEQ-AQD/Asbestos. There was nobody on site when we arrived.

We walked around the property but could find no evidence of any recent digging on the property or signs of waste being buried on site. No evidence of oils or fluids being dumped on the property. There were a few abandoned cars on site and junk and scrap metal and other materials strewn about the property, but the facility appeared to have been closed for some time; the main office appeared inaccessible. There was a small burn bin on the property with fresh ashes which were still warm, but no evidence that the bin was used to burn insulation.

Ann Vogen, DEQ-WMRP, contacted the owner of the property, John Dingell III, on Monday, October 29, 2018. According to her phone conversation, the owner is storing scrap metal on his property until the market improves and he can sell the scrap. He said he does not burn materials on site, though he has torch cut metals in the past. Based on this conversation, it appears the facility should be considered an active site, not a closed facility at this time.

During this inspection, I did not see any violations of air quality regulations or processes which would require an air permit at this time. We found no evidence of any Asbestos NESHAP violations. DEQ - WMRP will follow up on any potential waste management issues.

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DATE 10-30-18

SUPERVISOR JK