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ACTIVITY REPORT: On-site Inspection

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FACILITY: HIGHLINE WARREN LLC		SRN / ID: P1347
LOCATION: 11800 SEARS DRIVE, LIVONIA		DISTRICT: Detroit
CITY: LIVONIA		COUNTY: WAYNE
CONTACT:		ACTIVITY DATE: 09/30/2024
STAFF: Stephen Weis	COMPLIANCE STATUS: Compliance	SOURCE CLASS: Minor
SUBJECT: Self-initiated inspection of the Highline Warren facility in Livonia.		
RESOLVED COMPLAINTS:		

Location:

Highline Warren LLC (SRN P1347)
11800 Sears Drive
Livonia 48150

Date of Activity:

Monday, September 30, 2024

Personnel Present:

Steve Weis, EGLE-AQD Detroit Office
Rick Toler, Dicastal Logistics

Purpose of Activity

A self-initiated inspection of the Highline Warren facility was conducted on Monday, September 30, 2024. This was a self-initiated inspection for FY 2024. The purpose of this inspection was to determine compliance of operations at the Highline Warren 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 Highline Warren facility is located at 11800 Sears Drive in Livonia. The facility property is just over 7 acres in size, located on the east side of Sears Drive, just over 1/10th mile north of Plymouth Road. A real estate website provides that the building on the site is 116,765 square feet in area, and a rail spur connects the property to the CSX Transportation railroad to the north.

The properties in close proximity to the facility feature a mix of commercial and industrial uses. Much of the portion of Livonia lying between Schoolcraft and Plymouth Roads to the north and south, and Merriman and Middlebelt Roads to the east and west is zoned for commercial and industrial use. The area south of Plymouth Road is residential, with the closest residences located ¼ mile from the facility property.

Facility Operations

The facility used to be operated by South/Win, Ltd, a company that was a supplier of windshield washer fluid and RV and marine antifreeze. In 2018, Highline Aftermarket, headquartered in Memphis, TN, acquired South/Win, including the manufacturing facility in Livonia.

In January 2023, Highline Warren submitted a Permit to Install application to EGLE-AQD to add some process equipment to the Livonia facility. Information presented in the PTI application provides the following information relating to the Highline Warren operations at the facility:

“Highline Warren is a manufacturer of automotive chemicals and products located at 11800 Sears St., Livonia, Michigan. The facility receives and combines bulk chemicals to make and package windshield wiper fluids, RV antifreeze and carwash soap for consumer use. Specific processes at the facility include chemical storage tanks, blending tanks, product filling lines, blow molding machines, a plastic regrinding room and a natural gas-fired heater.”

A list of emission units was included in the PTI application that included seven bulk material storage tanks; eleven mixing/blending tanks; three product holding tanks that were used to hold mixed batches of carwash soap; three product filling lines; a blow molding process to create bottles, a plastic regrinding process; one 3.829 MMBTU natural gas-fired heater. A site drawing was included with the PTI application that shows the layout of the facility operations.

During the review of the PTI, the facility’s consultant notified AQD that the Highline Warren facility would be permanently shutting down, and the PTI application was voided.

A real estate listing for the property shows that it was available for lease in September 2023.

The facility is now being leased by Dicastal Logistics Group, a company headquartered in Canton Twp. Dicastal is a third-party logistics company. According to the company website (www.dicastallog.com). The company is a logistics provider for CITIC Dicastal, one of the world’s largest manufacturers of aluminum alloy wheels. The Livonia facility stores, warehouses and distributes automotive wheels to customers. All of the equipment associated with Highline Warren has been removed from the facility and property. There are three small ceiling-mounted heaters in the warehouse portion of the facility, a couple of small hot water heaters, and some forklifts. There are no cold cleaners at the facility, and no emergency generators.

Inspection Narrative

I arrived at the facility at 11:55am. I was met by Rick Toler (313-559-7066) of Dicastal. I explained that my purpose for visiting the facility was to check on the operating status of the Highline Warren facility. Rick told me that Highline Warren ceased operations at the location in 2023, and that Dicastal began operating at the site almost a year ago. He told me that Dicastal is a third-party logistics company for automotive wheels, distributing wheels produced in Greenville SC, China, Mexico and Morocco to automotive companies.

Rick provided me with a walkthrough of the facility. We walked through the warehouse, and he showed me the area in the back (east end) of the building where the rail line runs inside, and where much of Highline Warren’s process equipment was located. He pointed out one of the hot water heaters and we looked at a couple of the ceiling-mounted heaters. Rick said that the company does not use any chemicals at the site – that the building and operations consist of receiving and shipping wheels. I inquired if there are any cold cleaners or emergency generators used at the facility and he replied that there are not. We exchanged contact information, and I left the facility at 12:20pm.

Permits/Regulations/Orders/Other

There were no active PTIs associated with the Highline Warren facility. The 2023 PTI application was voided by the AQD Permit Unit.

Compliance Determination

Based upon the results of the September 30, 2024 site visit, and the notifications and communications between Highline Warren's consultant and EGLE-AQD's Permit Unit, the Highline Warren facility and its associated operations at 11800 Sears Drive in Livonia have permanently shutdown, and all of the associated process equipment has been permanently removed from the site. The property is now being used by Dicastal Logistics. All of the current operations associated with Dicastal appear to be exempt from EGLE-AQD permitting requirements, and there do not look to be any air regulations that apply to the Dicastal operations at this location. The Highline Warren facility can be designated in EGLE-AQD files and databases as being permanently shut down.

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