

ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Open Dump Inspection Checklist

County: Washington LPC#: 1894925001 Region: Collinsville

Location/Site Name: Wamac / Prior Oil Company

Date: November 3, 2000 Time: From 11:25 am To 12:00 pm Previous Inspection Date: August 31, 2000

Inspector(s): Kenneth Mensing - Mike Grant Weather: wet, approx. 60 degrees

No. of Photos Taken: # 8 Est. Amt. of Waste: 3 yds³ Samples Taken: Yes# No X

Interviewed: John Prior, Greg Earle and Harold Alexander, Jr. Complaint #: 02900-010

Responsible Party
Mailing Address(es)
and Phone Number(s):

Mr. John Prior
Prior Oil Company
140 Gompers Street
Wamac, Illinois 62801

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	SECTION	DESCRIPTION	VIOL.
ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT REQUIREMENTS			
1.	9(a)	CAUSE, THREATEN OR ALLOW AIR POLLUTION IN ILLINOIS	X
2.	9(c)	CAUSE OR ALLOW OPEN BURNING	X
3.	12(a)	CAUSE, THREATEN OR ALLOW WATER POLLUTION IN ILLINOIS	
4.	12(d)	CREATE A WATER POLLUTION HAZARD	
5.	21(a)	CAUSE OR ALLOW OPEN DUMPING	X
6.	21(d)	CONDUCT ANY WASTE-STORAGE, WASTE-TREATMENT, OR WASTE- DISPOSAL OPERATION:	
	(1)	Without a Permit	X
	(2)	In Violation of Any Regulations or Standards Adopted by the Board	X
7.	21(e)	DISPOSE, TREAT, STORE, OR ABANDON ANY WASTE, OR TRANSPORT ANY WASTE INTO THE STATE AT/TO SITES NOT MEETING REQUIREMENTS OF ACT AND REGULATIONS	X
8.	21(p)	CAUSE OR ALLOW THE OPEN DUMPING OF ANY WASTE IN A MANNER WHICH RESULTS IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCURRENCES AT THE DUMP SITE:	
	(1)	Litter	X
	(2)	Scavenging	
	(3)	Open Burning	X
	(4)	Deposition of Waste in Standing or Flowing Waters	
	(5)	Proliferation of Disease Vectors	
	(6)	Standing or Flowing Liquid Discharge from the Dump Site	

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EXHIBIT**

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	(7)	Deposition of General Construction or Demolition Debris; or Clean Construction or Demolition Debris	
9.	55(a)	NO PERSON SHALL:	
	(1)	Cause or Allow Open Dumping of Any Used or Waste Tire	
	(2)	Cause or Allow Open Burning of Any Used or Waste Tire	
35 ILLINOIS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE REQUIREMENTS SUBTITLE G			
10.	812.101(a)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO DEVELOP AND OPERATE A LANDFILL	X
11.	722.111	HAZARDOUS WASTE DETERMINATION	
12.	808.121	SPECIAL WASTE DETERMINATION	
13.	809.302(a)	ACCEPTANCE OF SPECIAL WASTE FROM A WASTE TRANSPORTER WITHOUT A WASTE HAULING PERMIT, UNIFORM WASTE PROGRAM REGISTRATION AND PERMIT AND/OR MANIFEST	
OTHER REQUIREMENTS			
14.		APPARENT VIOLATION OF: () PCB; () CIRCUIT COURT CASE NUMBER: ORDER ENTERED ON:	
15.	OTHER:		

Kenneth Mensing
Signature of Inspector(s)

Informational Notes

1. [Illinois] Environmental Protection Act: 415 ILCS 5/4.
2. Illinois Pollution Control Board: 35 Ill. Adm. Code, Subtitle G.
3. Statutory and regulatory references herein are provided for convenience only and should not be construed as legal conclusions of the Agency or as limiting the Agency's statutory or regulatory powers. Requirements of some statutes and regulations cited are in summary format. Full text of requirements can be found in references listed in 1. and 2. above.
4. The provisions of subsection (p) of Section 21 of the [Illinois] Environmental Protection Act shall be enforceable either by administrative citation under Section 31.1 of the Act or by complaint under Section 31 of the Act.
5. This inspection was conducted in accordance with Sections 4© and 4(d) of the [Illinois] Environmental Protection Act: 415 ILCS 5/4© and (d).
6. Items marked with an "NE" were not evaluated at the time of this inspection.
7. Statutory effective date: through 7/9/99.

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Prepared by: Kenneth Mensing

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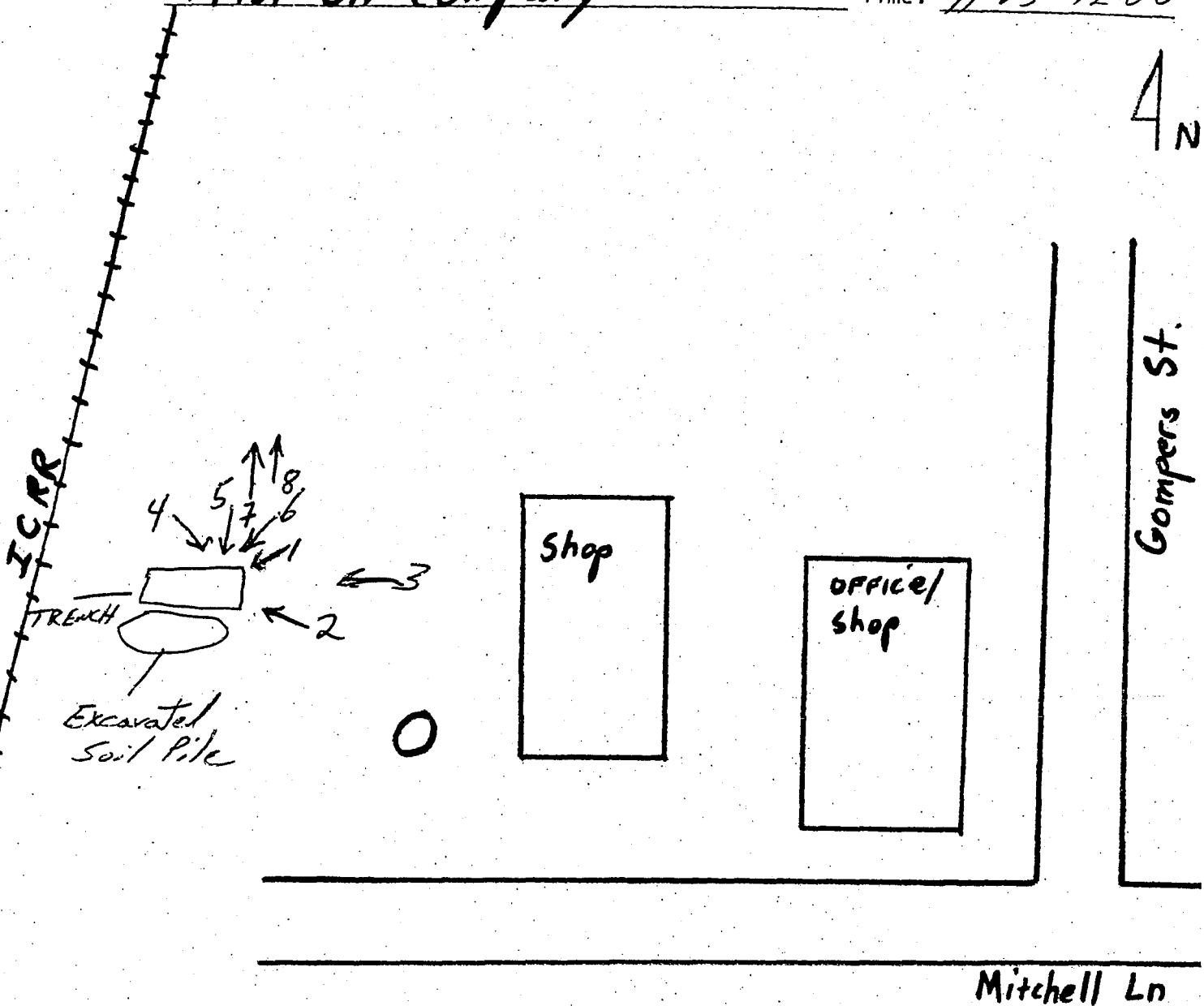
On November 3, 2000 I received a phone call from Harold Alexander, Jr. ~~laying out~~ PC Prior Oil Company had excavated a trench on their property at the end of Mitchell Street, behind the Prior Oil Company buildings on November 2, 2000. He went on to say that oil spill cleanup debris had been dumped into the trench and subsequently set on fire. He said that the waste was presently burning and emitting smoke. Shortly thereafter, also on November 3, I received a phone call from Greg Earle who is the Fire Chief of the Centralia Fire Protection District. He also informed me that some oil spill cleanup debris had been dumped on Prior Oil Company property and was currently burning. He said that his personnel and equipment were presently at the site. I told him that we would be there shortly to investigate and monitor the situation.

On November 3, 2000 at 11:25 am, Mike Grant-BOL, Jeff Benbenek-BOA and I arrived at the site where we met up with Mr. Earle at the dumping and burning area. I observed a recently excavated trench approximately 8 ft. by 30 ft. by 4 ft. deep with crude oil soaked straw and black plastic bags in it. The oil and straw were smoldering, emitting white to grayish smoke. No open flames were seen. A 10 ft. by 10 ft. area of oil and straw waste was also observed just north of the pit. Mike Grant took 8 digital photos of the relevant site conditions. Harold Alexander, Jr. told me at the site that the trench had not been dug as of 9:00 am on November 2. After inspecting the site and speaking with Mr. Earle and Mr. Alexander, we walked to the office in order to contact John Prior. He was in his office and I proceeded to question Mr. Prior after he was introduced to Mr. Grant and Mr. Benbenek. I told him that we had just been back at the area where a trench had been dug and oil soaked straw was burning. He readily admitted that he was responsible for the situation and gave the following explanation. He said that he made a decision to clean out one of his buildings adjacent to the dumping and burning area on November 2. During the cleaning process some of his employees took the oil and straw waste from inside the building and placed it outside on the ground. Mr. Prior said that when he found out what his employees had done, he was concerned about oily water running off of the property due to impending rain. He said it was at this point that he directed that a trench be dug and that the waste be placed into it and subsequently burned. Mr. Prior indicated to us that he felt that the dumping and burning was a better solution to the waste material being outside, than possibly allowing oily water runoff. It did in fact rain during the afternoon of November 2. Mr. Prior realized that what he directed be done was a violation of environmental law and rules. At the conclusion of the site visit and interview, I told Mr. Prior and Mr. Earle that the smoldering waste needed to be extinguished immediately. It was decided that the material would be smothered out and later disposed of properly at a permitted landfill. We departed the site at 12:00 noon.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

SITE SKETCH

Date of Inspection: November 3, 2000 Inspector: KEN MENSING - MIKE GRA
Site Code: 1894925001 County: Washington
Site Name: Prior Oil Company Time: 11:25-12:00



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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPH PHOTOCOPIES

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TIME: 11:25 - 12:00
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PHOTO by: M. D. Grant
PHOTO FILE NAME:
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