Site Description

The property consists of a total of 7.235 acres of commercially-zoned property which exists as two parcels (14-19-432-003 and 14-19-432-004). Addresses for these parcels are 701 and 675 Cesar E Chavez Avenue, Pontiac MI, respectively. There are two one-story buildings totaling approximately 32,500 square feet, currently occupied by the site owner, Lee Contracting (Lee), since its purchase of the property in 2010. The site previously served as a truck dealership for General Motors Corp., and was also formerly leased by the Penske Corporation. The site is now used for truck maintenance and repair, parking, and vehicle/trailer storage.

Cleanup activities are performed by the RACER Trust, with the approval and oversight of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ). The Settlement Agreement that established the RACER Trust set aside approximately $150,495 for cleanup work at this property.

Environmental History

Environmental Site Assessments conducted since 2010 have identified the possible presence of three 2,000-gallon underground storage tanks (USTs), based on a November 8, 1954 City of Pontiac installation permit, as well as two open releases under Part 213 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental
Protection Act (NREPA). These Part 213 open releases were identified as one former 500-gallon waste oil tank, reportedly removed in 1989; and three former 280-gallon virgin oil tanks, reportedly removed in 1992.

Ground-penetrating radar and magnetometer studies of the footprint of the main site building in 2011 did not indicate the presence of any USTs, thus confirming the likelihood of removal of the open release-related USTs as reported.

Available documents pertaining to the above-identified open UST releases indicate that all soil impacted by the releases with contamination above applicable NREPA screening criteria were excavated and disposed off-site; however, documentation detailing these activities has not been found.

Next Steps

A plan to investigate soil and groundwater is being developed to assess the current status of the two open UST releases identified above.

More detailed information on the site can be viewed at the RACER website at www.racertrust.org.

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