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**Hazardous Waste Compliance Date Entry Form**

EPA ID Number No EPA ID Number

Facility Name High Country Honda

City: Boone, NC 28607

EVALUATION DATA New: **X** Change: Date: 1/23/2007

Mo. Day Yr. Type:  
Date: 1/19/2007 CEI  
Date: 10/17/07 **CSE**

*TO: Jim Edwards  
6 pages*

Inspector ID # 043 Reason:

**Evaluation Comments**

Used Oil Generator - Complaint Investigation

**CSE**

SNC DETERMINATION: If this evaluation resulted in a SNC determination, fill in this block.  
(NOTE: SNC determinations are SNY/SNN evaluations. The SNY/SNN evaluation can also be submitted later on a separate form.)

Facility is (Check one)

- a SNC (SNY evaluation) \_\_\_\_\_
- no longer a SNC (SNN eval.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Docket #2007-050**

Waste Involved	Volume	Exposure Media (a,gw,sw,s)	Distance to Residences	Number of People Involved	Distance to On-Site Wells	Distance to Off-Site Wells
Used Oil	1,070 gal	S, SW	< 1 mile	approx. 40		< 1 mile
oil contam soil	175.33 tons	S				

# 1 Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Determined 1/19/2007 Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Priority: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Compliance:

\*Scheduled\* \*Actual\*

Reg. Type SR Reg. Description 40 CFR 262.11 10/17/07

Comments: No waste determination

Re-inspection: waste determination made

# 2 Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Determined 1/19/2007 Class:: \_\_\_\_\_

Priority: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Person:: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Compliance:

\*Scheduled\*

\*Actual\*

10/17/07

Reg.Type SR Reg.Description 40 CFR 279.22(c)(1)

Comments: No used oil label

Re-inspection: Used oil container labeled

# 3 Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Determined 1/19/2007 Class:: \_\_\_\_\_

Priority: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Person:: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to Compliance:

\*Scheduled\*

\*Actual\*

10/17/07

Reg.Type SR Reg.Description 40 CFR 279.22(d)

Comments: Used oil releases

Re-inspection: Releaser cleaned up

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

## DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

## HAZARDOUS WASTE SECTION

## ACTIVITY REPORT

Friday, January 19, 2007

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**SUBJECT:** High Country Honda

**REASON FOR VISIT:** Complaint Investigation

**ADDRESS:** 1440 Blowing Rock Road

**CITY, STATE, ZIP:** Boone, NC 28607

**BY WHOM:** Ernest Lawrence - Waste Management Specialist

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**DATE INVESTIGATION OPENED** 1/19/2007

**TIME SPENT**

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**PERSON CONTACTED** Brett Hibberts

**EPA ID NUMBER** No EPA ID Number

**REPORT:**

High Country Honda is an auto dealership that sells new and used cars. The facility also does general repairs, including changing oil, tires, and batteries. There is one building with a section for sales and a section for auto repairs.

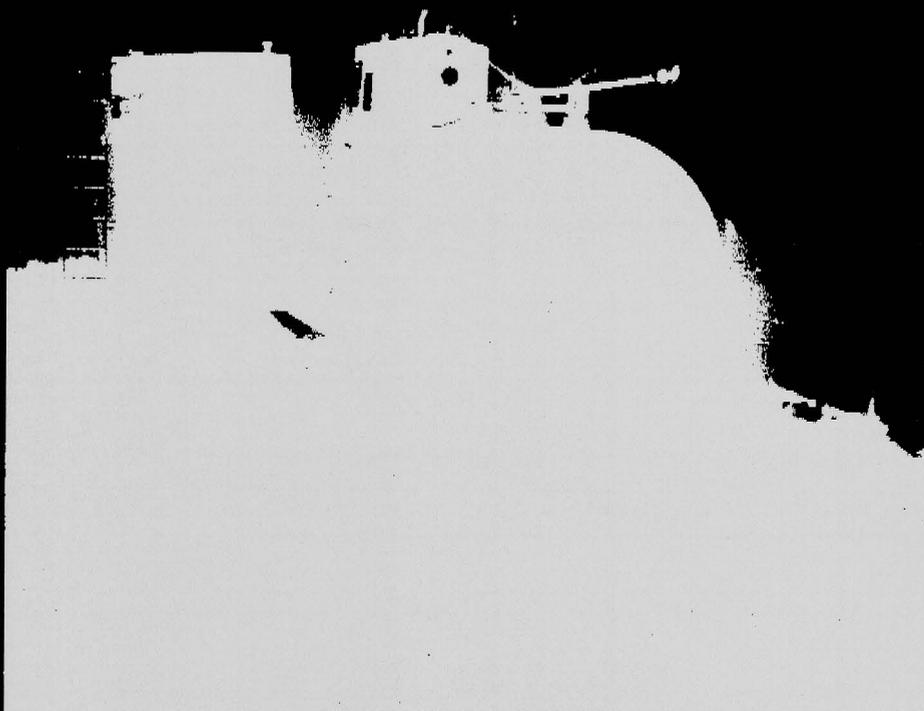
An anonymous complaint was made to EPA Region 4 alleging that a used oil tank behind the facility often overflows and that there is a major creek a few feet away. The complaint was referred to the Hazardous Waste Section on January 10, 2007. Brian Polk, Safety Officer, and I visited the site on January 19, 2007 to investigate the complaint and do an inspection of the facility.

Used oil is generated in the maintenance shop and pumped through a pipe to a 500 gallon used oil tank outside the building. Used oil is picked up monthly by Enterprise Oil Company (865-558-0533), Knoxville, TN. A review of the receipts showed that about 400-500 gallons is shipped monthly.

A liquid oily waste was observed spilled onto the ground adjacent to the used oil container and in a pattern that appeared to be moving toward the creek bank, which is about 25 feet from the tank. The spill covered an area that was about 10 X 15 feet.



The contaminated area was black and all grass was dead. It is not known if the waste pumped into the used oil tank consists entirely of used oil. The soil directly beneath the used oil tank was also contaminated with the oily waste. Additionally, the contamination may have extended beneath a concrete pad that an adjacent oil tank was mounted on. This tank was used for new oil.



Mr. Hibberts said he did not know the origin of the waste or if it had overflowed from the tank, since he had recently been in the area and did not observe any spills. He said there was no other employee

responsible for managing the waste who could help us identify the waste and its origin. The tank is owned by Enterprise Oil Company.



Based on observations during the inspection the spill appeared to be caused by overfilling the tank and appeared to have occurred over an extended period of time. The spill was greatest on the left end of the tank near a vent opening. There appeared to be some oily waste splatter on the lower half of the adjacent oil tank.

The facility generates about 15 pounds/month of hazardous waste in a parts cleaner that is serviced by Safety Kleen. The parts cleaner uses 105 solvent, which is a petroleum naptha with a flash point of 105F. It is shipped as D001, D018, D039, D040 hazardous waste.

There were no used fluorescent tubes on site at the time of inspection. Mr. Hibberts said they are returned to a vendor and not disposed in the dumpster. I reminded Mr. Hibberts that used tubes must be managed in closed, labeled containers. They must be shipped to an approved facility.

We walked around outside the facility and viewed the contents of the dumpster.

#### **CONCLUSIONS:**

High Country Honda is in violation of 40 CFR 262.11 in that an unknown oily waste was released onto the soil. It is not known if the waste in the used oil tank consists entirely of used oil.

High Country Honda is in violation of 40 CFR 279.22(c)(1) in that a container, used to collect and store used oil, was noted on site and was not labeled or marked with the words, "Used Oil".

High Country Honda is in violation of 40 CFR 279.22(d) in that releases of an oily waste were observed on the ground next to a used oil container.

An immediate action notice of violation will be issued.

It is recommended that secondary containment be constructed for the used oil tank.

**UPDATE – OCTOBER 17, 2007**

The HWS sent the facility a letter on October 17, 2007 stating that no further action was required for the incident. Approximately 1070 gal used oil and 175 .33 tons of contaminated soil had been removed.