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HAZARDOUS WASTE SECTION (HWS) / COMPLIANCE BRANCH

**RCRA COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REPORT**

1. **Facility Information:** K&C Service Center  
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2. **Facility Contact:** Mr. Kevin Anderson, K&C Service Center-Owner  
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3. **Inspection Participants:** Mr. Kevin Anderson, K&C Service Center-Owner
4. **Inspector(s):** Mr. Sean Morris, HWS-Environmental Senior Specialist  
Mr. Andrew Martin, HWS-Environmental Senior Specialist
5. **Date/Time of Inspection:** January 5, 2016 / Arrived: 11:35am Departed: 1:00pm
6. **Date of Report:** April 4, 2016 – Prepared By: Sean Morris
7. **Purpose of Inspection:** Complaint Investigation / Determine Compliance with NC  
Hazardous Waste Management Rules
8. **Report:**

On December 30, 2015 I received a complaint from a citizen regarding K&C Service Center (K&C) located in Vail, NC, which performs automotive repair and maintenance services. The complainant reported that there were several leaking containers & above ground tanks of used oil, antifreeze or other materials at the facility as well as an automotive liquids running across the ground in front of the facility. The complainant further stated that they had heard that the owner of K&C had dumped approximately 70-gallons of diesel fuel onto the ground at a farm located on Amazing Grace Road in Lawndale, NC. The complainant contacted me several times by phone to provide additional information regarding the allegations and reported that the business owner, Mr. Kevin Anderson, had recently poured out several 5-gallon containers of used oil onto the ground behind the garage.

On January 5, 2016 Mr. Andrew Martin and I conducted a site visit to investigate the allegations. The subject property is approximately 1.7-acres in size with one 2,280-square foot garage, one mobile home and one residential home owned by Mr. Kevin & Cynthia Anderson. Mr. Martin and I met with an employee working within the auto repair garage and explained the allegations. Mr. Kevin Anderson arrived to the site approximately 30-minutes later. Mr. Anderson explained that he operates a small automotive repair center and has one employee. Mr. Anderson lives within the onsite residential home and purchased the land and garage in 2011. Mr. Anderson stated that the garage does only a small amount of auto repair work and approximately three automotive oil changes each month.

Mr. Martin and I conducted a visual inspection of the property during the visit. There were several various sized containers inspected that were found at different areas around the outside of the facility and on adjacent property behind the facility. Out of the containers inspected, there were approximately seven containers (between 5-gallon & 55-gallon in size) found to contain material. Several of the containers with material had product labels, such as latex paint, and others appeared to have accumulated rainwater. There was one ~20-gallon container that was ¼ full of what appeared to be rainwater with a small amount of oily residue.

There were also various types of equipment, materials and other debris located around the property. None of the containers appeared to be leaking and there was no evidence of stained soils observed.

After inspection of the property around the garage we inspected the garage facility. Mr. Anderson stated that only a small amount of used oil & antifreeze is generated from maintenance activities and that used oil is accumulated and collected for recycling. There were two 55-gallon poly containers staged within the garage that were labeled for the collection of used oil. Mr. Anderson explained that used oil is collected on a as needed basis by Pure Used Oil Recovery located in Taylors, SC and the used oil container label had been provided by Pure Oil Recovery. Mr. Anderson stated that the last collection was 6-7 months ago and that he kept collection receipts. There were also four 55-gallon and one 250-gallon tote identified as product diesel fuel being stored under an attached covered area in front of the garage.

During the visit we questioned Mr. Anderson about the allegation of spilling diesel fuel onto the ground at a farm located at 3762 Amazing Grace Road in Lawndale, NC. Mr. Anderson explained that he owns a front-end loader that is located at the subject farm and that he uses to grade land for the farm owner and occasionally performs maintenance for the farm owner's machinery. Mr. Anderson stated that he had not disposed of diesel fuel at the subject farm. He also stated that the diesel fuel being stored in front of his garage belongs to the farm owner and that he delivers the fuel when needed. During the visit I explained the requirements for the management of used oil and advised that all empty containers be collected and stored so that they do not fill with rainwater. *\*Digital photographs were collected during the visit.*

Mr. Anderson stated that he believed that a complaint had been issued because of a recent altercation with a customer regarding repair work done at the garage. Mr. Anderson stated that an inspector with Lincoln County's Code Enforcement office had also performed a complaint investigation at the garage.

#### 9. **Investigation Findings:**

On January 11, 2016 I contacted Mr. Jeremiah Combs with Lincoln County – Code Enforcement. Mr. Combs confirmed that he had conducted a complaint inspection at K&C and had cited the facility for the storage location of scrap tires and junk material on the property. On March 1, 2016 Mr. Combs provided a follow-up email explaining that K&C had complied with County requirements.

I contacted the complainant and provided a summary of the inspection findings. The complainant provided additional allegations related to pouring out used oil at the garage and disposal of diesel fuel at the farm in Lawndale. The complainant also stated that they had an altercation with Mr. Anderson regarding work performed on their vehicle.

After reviewing all information gathered during this investigation, there was not any evidence of leaking containers or stained soils/vegetation noted around the garage facility. However, comments were provided to K&C in regards to proper used oil management and for the management of containers with product labels. There was not sufficient information available to further investigate RCRA compliance related to the allegation of spilled diesel fuel at the farm in Lawndale. No information was available in regards to a specific time & location of the alleged spill. Used oil management guidance documents will be submitted to K&C and future site inspections will be conducted.

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