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NC DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT
HAZARDOUS WASTE SECTION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Subject: WELDON STEEL CORPORATION

EPA ID Number: NCS000002297

Date: March 31, 2016

Report By: William Hunneke No: 060

**Location/
Mailing Address:** 101 Kennametal Road, Weldon, NC 27890
Halifax County

Property Owner: Weldon Steel Corp.

Contact Person: James Newton, Vice President
Telephone Number: 252-536-2113 x233
Email: jnewton@weldonsteel.com

Participants:
Representing Weldon Steel: James Newton and Keith Browder, VP Purchasing
Representing NCDEQ: William Hunneke

Reason for visit: Complaint Investigation: **FCI-CMP**

Inspector responded to a complaint of hydraulic oil on the ground from an air compressor and under steel over the yard also paint on the ground.

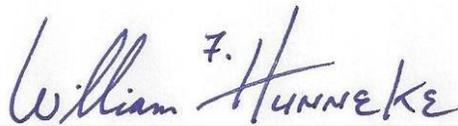
REPORT:

The facility prepares steel to be erected at various jobsites. On site activities include: welding, new metal cleaning and coating using a rust inhibiting primer. The subject site is 11 acres located one-half mile south of the Roanoke River and one-hundred yards east of Interstate 95 N. There are no wells on the subject property which is serviced by municipal water and sewer. The distance to the nearest residence is one-quarter mile and the distance to the nearest off-site well is unknown. The company employs fifty individuals working two shifts.

Inspector responded to a complaint of hydraulic oil and paint on the ground. Met with Mr. James Newton, and Mr. Keith Browder and toured the yard and 50,000 square foot production building. Areas visited during the investigation included: the paint station and air compressor station, both located inside of the production building; and a thorough tour of the yard including storage and equipment areas. In the paint area, a minimal amount of inhibitive shop coat primer was observed on the sand floor. Mr. Newton indicated that although the floor of the painting area is sand covered, the area had been dug out and lined with a plastic barrier to keep any errant paint or mineral spirits used for clean-up contained. A review of the shop coat primer Safety Data Sheet indicated constituents and characteristics include naphtha (petroleum), zinc oxide and a flash point of 65°F.

The facility must ensure that none of the shop coat primer can be discharged to the environment. Overall, not an area of great concern especially given the plastic liner. Recommend housekeeping in the area remain a priority. The air compressor area was clean and free of any spills either on or around the concrete pad holding the relatively new looking air compressors. The yard and outdoor equipment areas were observed to be free of any staining or evidence of spills or releases. During the course of the investigation, Mr. Newton and Mr. Browder described a somewhat acrimonious termination at the facility within the last several weeks.

Overall, the facility was well maintained, and no adverse conditions or areas of concern were noted or observed. It would appear that this complaint is without significant merit. No further action is required.



William Hunneke
Environmental Senior Specialist, NCDEQ

April 22, 2016

Date

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