



**U.S. EPA, Region 5 Enforcement and
Compliance Assurance Division
77 West Jackson Street, Chicago, IL 60604**

UNPERMITTED INDUSTRIAL FACILITY STORMWATER INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):			5/3/2022		
Time:		Entry: 1:02 PM		Exit: 1:41PM	
Weather Conditions:			Light rain, 48° F		
Media/Program:			Water – CWA §§ 301, 402 – Industrial Stormwater		
Operator Name:			Hugo Amaezcua		
Facility or Site Name:			Top Notch Express		
Permit ID or Tracking # (leave blank if no permit):					
SIC Code(s) (Primary & Relevant Others):			7521		
Facility Address:			97 Patterson Road		
(City, State, Zip Code)			Joliet, Illinois		
County:			Will County		
Geographic Coordinates:			41.507727, -88.082673		
Operator Mailing address:			1837 Tanager CT Joliet, IL 60435		
Size of Facility (in acres):			3		
Receiving Water(s):			Hickory Creek		
Date facility est. @ location:			Unknown		
Authorized Official:			→ Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Name: Hugo Amaezcua		Title: Owner of Top Notch Express		Phone #: 815-955-7052	
				Email:	
Additional Personnel Participating in Inspection:					
Name: Gonzalo Sentomos			Title:		
Inspector(s):					
Name(s):		Title:		Phone #:	
Andi Hodaj		Environmental Engineer		312-353-4645	
Matthew Schulte		Environmental Scientist		312-886-2405	
Inspection Report Author:					
Name: Andi Hodaj			Signature/Date:		
Supervisor Review:					
Name: Molly Smith			Signature/Date:		
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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION

Purpose of the Inspection

The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with the industrial stormwater requirements under

§§ 301 and 402(p) of the CWA and its implementing regulations found at 40 CFR Part 122.26. The inspection was (check one) unannounced announced and consisted of interviewing facility representatives, recording field observations, and taking photographs to document site conditions throughout the facility at the time of the inspection.

Opening Conference

- 1) Brief narrative documenting those present, introductions, and explanation of the purpose of the inspection.

Attendees:

Andi Hodaj and Matthew Schulte (collectively, "EPA") first visited the site at 11:47 am CST and talked to a person that was washing a truck on the property. EPA presented the inspector credentials and asked the person to identify himself. The person refused to identify himself, but said that there was no manager on-site. Minutes later, EPA talked to another person that was driving a pick-up truck onto the site. The inspection team asked him if there was a manager on-site. The person identified himself as Gonzalo Sentemos, but did not confirm his role at the property. He provided EPA with the name of the Top Notch Express owner, Hugo Amaezcua, and said that the owner would not be on-site for another 2 hours. EPA left the site and returned at 1:02 pm CST. EPA talked to a third person on-site that gave EPA a phone number for Mr. Amaezcua, but did not provide his name.

EPA called Mr. Amaezcua and explained the purpose of our visit. Mr. Amaezcua stated that he could not be on-site that day, but he gave EPA permission to conduct a walkthrough of the facility and take photographs with the other men present at the property.

- 2) Credentials presented to: Gonzalo Sentomos and unidentified person at the facility
- 3) Confidential Business Information (CBI) reviewed: yes no
- 4) Facility has been individually notified by Permit authority or EPA that it is subject to stormwater permitting requirements? Yes No Describe:
- 5) Has the Facility applied for an Industrial Stormwater Permit or a Waiver from the requirement to have one (such as through the filing of a No Exposure Certification)? Yes No Describe:
- 6) Overview of Facility (attach, if available):
- a) Aerial of facility with immediate environs, especially any storm drain inlets and surface waters
 Yes No;
- b) Site map showing industrial processes and locations Yes No; and
- c) Facility schematics labeling industrial processes occurring onsite Yes No.

FACILITY'S OPERATION & PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Brief description of business and industrial activities occurring throughout the site. Include operator's description and note any documentation that further establishes SIC code (permit applications, reports, business registries, website, etc).

Top Notch Express, Inc. is a trucking company and rents the parking lot at 97 Patterson Road, Joliet, IL, from someone else. Mr. Amaezcua could not identify the owner of the parking lot, though said that other trucking companies use the lot too.

Other industrial facilities owned/operated by same business entity? Yes No **Describe:** Unknown at time of the inspection

SECTION II – OBSERVATIONS

SITE EVALUATION

Pollutant Sources	Note location (including whether occurring indoor or outdoor, and whether outdoor areas are paved or unpaved), quantity/size, design issues, any operation and maintenance (O&M) deficiencies (including the nature and extent), potential pollutants, and evidence of exposure to stormwater. Are best management practices (BMPs) in place to minimize or eliminate stormwater discharges from industrial activities? If so, please describe.
Loading/Unloading Operations	
Industrial Manufacturing/Processing Operations	
Industrial Machinery & Equipment Storage	EPA observed truck washing taking place on-site.
Storage of Industrial Materials or Products	EPA observed oil sheens and fuel in runoff flowing towards Hickory Creek.
Liquid Storage (e.g., Tanks, Liquid Storage Drums)	There were several fuel oil tanks on site without secondary containment. EPA observed several liquid storage drums piled on the banks of Hickory Creek.
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Waste Storage/Disposal Areas (solid and/or hazardous)	

Waste Treatment Facilities (e.g., Pretreatment Systems)	
Fueling Stations/Equipment Maintenance Areas & Cleaning Areas	There were fueling stations on-site, including oil tanks, and truck washing taking place during the time of the inspection.
Sediment & Erosion Controls	EPA did not observe any sediment and erosion controls in place at the time of the inspection.
Spills/Leaks Handling	
Outside Shelters	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary (Date Established _____) <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent

OUTFALL, STORMWATER DISCHARGE & RECEIVING WATER OBSERVATIONS

List any established stormwater discharge points. For each such discharge point, describe its location, the Facility areas it serves, Receiving Water/MS4 into which it discharges, Receiving Water appearance, date the discharge point was established, and evidence of present or past discharge (e.g., Facility records or visual evidence such as stains, deposits, ponding).	
Note evidence of any discharge pathways from the Facility not otherwise noted above, and for each pathway, describe its location, slope, the Facility areas it may serve, evidence of past or present migration of pollutants offsite via the pathway (e.g., Facility records or visual evidence such as stains, deposits, ponding), Receiving Water/MS4, and Receiving Water appearance.	EPA observed discharge of runoff from the property into Hickory Creek. There was visible oil sheen in the discharge flowing down the banks of Hickory Creek.

<p>Note evidence of any non-stormwater discharges, including process water discharges, from the Facility, and for any such discharge, describe its nature, source, discharge location, Receiving Water/MS4, Receiving Water appearance, and discharge authorization, if any.</p>	
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SECTION III – AREAS OF CONCERN

EPA observed discharge of stormwater, with a visible oil sheen, into Hickory Creek.

SECTION IV – CLOSING CONFERENCE

Attendees:

Was CBI collected? Yes No Describe:

Summary of areas of concern(s) listed above:

- EPA observed discharge of stormwater, with a visible oil sheen, into Hickory Creek.

SECTION V – LIST OF ATTACHMENTS (as identified in #6 above, where applicable)

Attachment A – Aerial of facility

Attachment B – Photograph Log