

NPDES Inspection Report - Stormwater Industrial

National Database Information		
Inspection Date: 7/27/2023		Inspection Type: Industrial Stormwater
Entry/Exit Time: 8:00 am / 10:15 am		NPDES ID Number: COUT00256
SIC Code: 3441 and 3446		Inspection ID: 202307_COUT00256
Lead Inspector and affiliation: Stephanie Meyers / EPA Region 8		
Inspector and affiliation: Althea Wilson / EPA Region 8		
Inspector and affiliation: Eric Philyaw / Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment		
Site/Facility Name and Location: Midwest Fabrication and Steel, LLC 1015 E Northern Avenue Pueblo, CO 81006		
Permit Information		
Is the permit on site and available? Unpermitted facility		Date Application Submitted: Unpermitted facility
Latitude: 38.244325°N		Longitude: -104.600025°W
Receiving Water(s): Unnamed, unclassified ditch thence to the Arkansas River		Acreage: approximately 14.3 acres
Regulatory Inspector's source of information: Facility observations		
Areas Evaluated During Inspection		
Permit	Self-Monitoring Program	Pollution Prevention
Records	Compliance Schedule	<u>Stormwater</u>
<u>Facility Site Review</u>	Laboratory	<u>No Exposure</u>
<u>Effluent/Receiving Waters</u>	Operations and Maintenance	Other:
Flow Measurement	Sludge Handling/Disposal	Other:
Contact Information		
	Name(s)/Title	
Facility Contacts: Primary lead and present during inspections	Rebekah Woods / Owner / Midwest Fabrication and Steel, LLC / Primary lead during the opening conference	
	Darrell Woods / Owner Midwest Fabrication and Steel, LLC / Primary lead during the field inspection	
Person/Company meeting definition of "Operator"	Midwest Fabrication and Steel, LLC	
Authorized Official(s) (Per NOI or SWPPP)	N/A, since there is currently no permit for this facility	

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Report Review and Signature		
Drafter Name	Address/Phone Number	Date
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Inspection Narrative and Site Description
On July 27, 2023, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspectors Stephanie Meyers and Althea Wilson along with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) inspector Eric Philyaw arrived at Midwest Fabrication and Steel, LLC (facility) at 8:00 am to conduct an inspection and evaluate the facility's need for industrial stormwater permit coverage. The EPA and CDPHE performed a joint inspection at this facility. The inspection was announced one week prior to the inspection, to coordinate logistics for the inspection and to ensure that appropriate personnel would be available. The EPA inspectors along with CDPHE met with Rebekah and Darrell Woods, Owners of Midwest Fabrication and Steel, LLC. EPA inspector, Stephanie Meyers, presented her credentials and had an opening conference to explain the purpose of the inspection. The inspectors began by going through a series of checklist questions with the facility representatives. Once complete, the inspectors proceeded to inspect the facility and asked questions to the facility representative to help the inspectors evaluate the need for industrial stormwater permit coverage. Throughout the inspection, the inspectors noted their observations in a checklist. Photographs taken during the inspection are included in the attached photo log. Midwest Fabrication and Steel, LLC is located at 1015 E Northern Avenue in Pueblo, Colorado. The facility was established in 1932, and on January 1, 2018, Rebekah and Darrell Woods took over the company and became the new owners. The facility has approximately 27 employees and provides various steel fabrication and finishing services. Facility representatives stated formed steel is purchased from mills and then fabricated into various products such as steel staircases, hand railings, structural beams, and more for contract jobs. Steel is not reheated at the facility, but several pieces of equipment are on site to cut, weld, roll, bend, drill, sand blast, and finish steel products. Finished products are then sold within the State of Colorado.

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After the opening conference, inspectors then walked the facility and first observed the fabrication shop (photo 76), which is where steel is welded into various products such as those discussed above. There is a machine within the fabrication shop used to cut steel (photo 77). This machine utilizes soluble oil to cool the steel while it's being cut. Inspectors then walked through the warehouse building (photo 80), where they observed an oil spill (photo 78) near the Pacific Press shear machine, and the Cosen cutting saw (photo 79) which also utilizes soluble oil to cool steel while cutting. Facility representatives indicated these machines recycle the soluble oil to cool steel and rarely need to replenish it. Though when needed, soluble oil is available in the 55-gallon drum stored outside of the warehouse (photo 81). Inspectors then walked the northeast end of the facility, where pieces of steel are stored, and a stormwater drainage pathway was observed (photo 82). Next, inspectors looked at the sand blaster (photo 84). A calcium iron silicate abrasive material called Black Beauty (photo 88) is used in conjunction with high pressure air to clean the steel. Next to the sand blast area, there is an outdoor fueling tank (photo 85) that holds approximately 300 gallons of fuel for equipment.

After looking at the east end of the property, inspectors proceeded to walk the northwest end of the property where they observed evidence of past stormwater flow (photo 86) towards the channel that borders the north end of the facility. Inspectors observed scrap steel stored outside in an uncovered dumpster (photo 87) and an open bag of the Black Beauty sand blasting material (photo 88). Inspectors also observed storage of welding gas outside of the fabrication building (photo 89), final product storage (photo 90), a low point along the northwest end of the property where stormwater has the potential to run off (photo 91), outdoor storage of empty drums (photo 92), and a Piranha Plasma table used to punch notches in steel (photo 93).

After the inspection of the facility, the inspectors returned to the main office and held a closing conference with Rebekah and Darrell Woods where they discussed observations.

After leaving the facility, inspectors walked the area just outside the northwest end of the facility and observed the drainage area that would receive runoff from the facility (photo 94), as well as a concrete conveyance directly west of that area (photo 95).

Findings, Corrective Actions, and Recommendations

Finding 1: Midwest Fabrication and Steel, LLC is an industrial facility under industrial stormwater Sector AA: Fabricated Metal Products Manufacturing Facilities, operating without industrial stormwater permit coverage.

The facility's primary SIC codes are 3441 (Fabricated Structural Metal) and 3446 (Architectural and Ornamental Metal Work), both of which fall under industrial stormwater Sector AA: Fabricated Metal Products Manufacturing Facilities, requiring industrial stormwater permit coverage. The facility has outdoor industrial operations/activities as well as outdoor storage of materials. The inspectors observed several stormwater drainage pathways at the facility during the inspection, including:

1. A stormwater drainage pathway was observed on the northeast end of the facility (photo 82).
2. Evidence of past stormwater flow (photo 86) was observed towards the channel that borders the north end of the facility.
3. A low point was observed along the northwest end of the property where stormwater has the

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potential to run off (photo 91).

The inspectors also observed the drainage area that would receive runoff from the facility (photo 94), as well as a concrete conveyance directly west of that area (photo 95).

Regulatory Information:

In 1987, the US Congress amended the Clean Water Act to expressly include stormwater discharges from industrial activities as requiring Clean Water Act controls. In 1990, EPA issued regulations that require specific industrial activities to obtain permits in order to discharge stormwater from their facilities under 40 C.F.R. 122.26. The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has direction and authority to administer stormwater permitting in Colorado through the Colorado Water Quality Control Act, and its implementing regulations and permits.

In accordance with the Colorado Water Quality Control Act and the Colorado Discharge Permit System (CDPS) Regulations 5-CCR 1002-61, CDPS discharge permit coverage is required for stormwater discharges from specific industrial activities to surface waters of the State. Facilities engaged in fabricated metal products manufacturing (SIC codes 3411-3499) as the primary industrial activity, are specifically required to obtain permit coverage or a No-Exposure Certification, for discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activities from the facility to surface waters of the State.

A No-Exposure Certification may be obtained for facilities where all industrial materials and activities are protected by a storm-resistant shelter to prevent exposure to rain, snow, snowmelt, and/or runoff. Due to the outdoor storage of materials as well as industrial activities being conducted outdoors, Midwest Fabrication and Steel, LLC does not currently qualify for the No-Exposure Certification.

Corrective Action:

Within 45 days of receipt of this report, submit a permit application for the CDPS General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Non-Extractive Industrial Activity (COR900000). See the attached Industrial Stormwater Permit Application Form. For assistance with the permit application or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Welch with CDPHE at mary.welch@state.co.us.

Finding 2: Sand blasting activities were being conducted outside uncontained (photo 84).

Inspectors observed sand blasting occurring just south of the drainage ditch that borders the north end of the facility, where the Black Beauty material as described above is used to clean steel.

Recommendation: Ensure sand blasting material is contained and implement a routine sweeping schedule to clean up any Black Beauty material left on the ground.

Finding 3: Black Beauty material is stored outdoors uncovered (photo 88).

Inspectors observed the Black Beauty material used for sand blasting activities was stored in an open bag outdoors, where some of the material had spilled out.

Recommendation: Clean up the spilled Black Beauty material and ensure the material is stored in a closed bag or container.

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<u>Finding 4: Scrap steel is stored outdoors uncovered (photo 87).</u> Inspectors observed scrap steel stored in a dumpster outdoors and uncovered near the north end of the facility. <u>Recommendation:</u> Cover the dumpster containing scrap steel and ensure any other dumpsters on site are also covered.
<u>Finding 5: Empty drums are stored outdoors (photo 92).</u> Inspectors observed empty drums stored outdoors uncovered and without caps near the northwest corner of the facility. <u>Recommendation:</u> Dispose of the empty drums that are stored outdoors or bring empty drums inside under cover until they can be properly disposed of.
<u>Finding 6: There was an oil spill at the Pacific Press shear machine (photo 78).</u> Inspectors observed an oil spill below the Pacific Press shear machine where absorbant material was used for the spill and still remained. <u>Recommendation:</u> Clean up the oil spill and absorbant and properly dispose of contaminated absorbant material.



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 8
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Facility Name: Estvold Oilfield Services Pipe Yard **RCRA ID:** NDR000014183

Facility Location:
8449 39th St NW, New Town, ND
Lat/Long: 47.977076, -102.396769

Facility Contact:
Mike Borgschatz, 701-898-8533,
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Notification Status:
Very Small Quantity Generator

Date of Inspection: September 18, 2024
Arrival Time: 9:40 a.m.
Departure Time: 10:30 a.m.

Lead Inspector & Report Author: Annette Maxwell, U.S. EPA Inspector

Inspection Attendees:

1. Jamie Thacker, Estvold Oilfield Services (opening conference only)
2. Nick Cisneros, Estvold Oilfield Services (site tour and closing conference only)
3. Chris Ollie, Three Affiliated Tribes Environmental Division (closing conference only)

Type and Purpose of Inspection: Compliance Evaluation Inspection
Compliance with RCRA Subtitle C

Facility Type: NAICS 213112 - Support Activities for Oil and Gas Operations

Applicable Regulations: 40 CFR Parts 260-279

Inspection Type: Unannounced Inspection

Disclaimer

This report is a summary of observations and information gathered from the facility at the time of the inspection. The information provided does not constitute a final decision on compliance with RCRA regulations, nor is it meant to be a comprehensive summary of all activities and processes conducted at the facility.

OPENING CONFERENCE

Upon arrival at the facility, an opening conference was conducted with Mr. Thacker. I presented my federal inspector credentials and explained the purpose of the inspection. I was not denied access to the facility and was allowed to inspect all areas that we selected for inspection. Mr. Thacker introduced me to Nick Cisneros, who then accompanied me on a walk-through of the facility.

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The following information was obtained verbally during the inspection from the above-listed facility personnel unless otherwise noted.

FACILITY OVERVIEW

Regulatory Status

According to RCRAInfo, the Estvold Oilfield Services Pipe Yard (Pipe Yard) is a non-notifier with implementer-generated EPA ID information identifying the facility as a very small quantity generator (VSQG) of hazardous waste. Two EPA ID numbers appear to be associated with this location: NDR000014183 and XHN200000182. A third EPA ID, NDR000013383, is associated with a separate nearby location (3914 84th Ave NW, New Town, ND) and was requested by Estvold Oilfield services, and is further discussed below. Clarification by the operator is needed to correct the information in RCRAInfo, and follow-up will be requested.

Facility and Process Description

The Pipe Yard (the subject location of this inspection report) performs inspection, cleaning, and welding of oilfield piping. Cleaning includes pressure washing and water jetting of oilfield piping, and both internal and external scoring of piping. Equipment in use at the facility includes a parts washer, sump, and an oil/water separator.

Regarding different nearby Estvold Oilfield Services locations, Mr. Cisneros explained that different locations perform distinct services from each other and said that this location is referred to as the Pipe Yard. He said that other nearby locations include: the Rod Yard, Casing Yard, and Mechanic Shop. When I asked about the RCRAInfo notification for hazardous waste and used oil transporter activities and whether that activity occurs at the Pipe Yard, he said that refers to the Estvold Oilfield Services Casing Yard, which is a separate facility located to the northeast approximately 10 minutes away from the Pipe Yard. The RCRAInfo notification identifies the activity address as 3914 84th Ave NW, New Town, ND. However, following the inspection, I reviewed map data including Google Maps and Bing Maps, which indicated that 3914 84th Ave NW, New Town, ND is the address of the Rod Yard.

Following the inspection at the Pipe Yard, Mr. Cisneros accompanied me to the location he had identified as the Rod Yard to briefly introduce me to a site contact for an inspection at that location before he departed. That inspection is documented in a separate report.

Based upon review of North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality's TENORM Service Provider List at <https://deq.nd.gov/WM/radiation/TENORM.aspx> following the inspection, the Estvold Oilfield Services, Inc. at the Pipe Yard location address (the subject location of this inspection report) is a Licensed TENORM Waste Transporter.

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Based on the Estvold Oilfield Services website, estvoldinspectiondivision.com, which I also reviewed after the inspection and which includes a map function that identified the Pipe Yard as “Estvold Oilfield Services, Inc. Headquarters, Used Tubulars,” the Pipe Yard is also referred to as Used Tubulars. See Attachment 1 – Facility Website Information.

TOUR INFORMATION

A site map of the Pipe Yard is included in Attachment 2 – Site Map. All photographs collected during the inspection and referenced below are included in Attachment 3 – Photograph Log.

Areas of the Pipe Yard included in the site tour:

- Indoor parts washer area
- Outdoor storage area – southeast corner of building
- Indoor sump area
- Outdoor storage area – southeast corner of facility

The following narrative includes areas listed above in which conditions of interest or potential deficiencies were noted. The information included below was obtained by my observation or by explanation provided by the accompanying facility personnel unless otherwise noted.

In the indoor parts washer area, I observed the washer, two filter boxes, and nearby drums that Mr. Cisneros identified as the parts washer solvent, which were labeled Sunnyside Mineral Spirits. See Attachment 3 – Photo 1.

Outdoors at the southeast corner of the building, I observed a green metal 55-gallon drum containing a powdery substance that Mr. Cisneros said was pipe scale solids. See Attachment 3, photos 2-3.

Nearby, I observed the baghouse, which was collecting solids into a blue metal 55-gallon drum. See Attachment 3, photo 4.

Inside the facility at a sump (Attachment 3, photo 5), Mr. Cisneros said the sump is filtered and is pumped out at least weekly using a hydrovac, which also pulls from an oil/water separator.

Near the southeast corner of the facility, I observed waste materials that Mr. Cisneros said was primarily trash received from well site generators. See Attachment 3, photos 6-20. He said they had been working to reduce the amount, and that it was less than had been previously stored in this area. Many of the items stored in this area were used piping caps and connectors. Drums stored in the area were primarily full of connectors visible through open bungs, but one blue metal 55-gallon drum appeared to contain liquid and was labeled “Chevron Automatic Transmission Fluid MD-3.” It was unclear whether the contents of this drum were usable raw material or waste.

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At the south fence near the southeast corner, it appeared that waste material had been either spilled or carried by precipitation to the fence line. See Attachment 3, photo 16 and 19.

Near the southeast corner of the building, I observed a drum labeled Thinner 45 and marked with a flammable placard, Attachment 3, photo 22. The drum was closed and in good condition. Mr. Cisneros wasn't sure what this material was used for. It appeared the material was unused product and not waste.

ON-SITE RECORD REVIEW:

No records were reviewed during the inspection.

CLOSING CONFERENCE

During the closing conference, I informed Mr. Cisneros that I would write an inspection report and follow up with facility management.

INSPECTION FOLLOW-UP

Details regarding requested follow-up will be included in correspondence to the facility, as appropriate.

SIGNATURES

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Date: 2025.04.22 07:31:30 -06'00'

Annette Maxwell, Inspector

KRISTIN MCNEILL Digitally signed by KRISTIN MCNEILL
Date: 2025.04.22 13:04:37 -06'00'

Kristin McNeill, Supervisor
RCRA Enforcement Section
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

ATTACHMENT LIST

Attachment 1 – Facility Website Information

Attachment 2 – Site Map

Attachment 3 – Photograph Log

Attachment 1 – Facility Website Information

Screenshot of <https://www.estvoldinspectiondivision.com/> with Pipe Yard location selected on website map tool

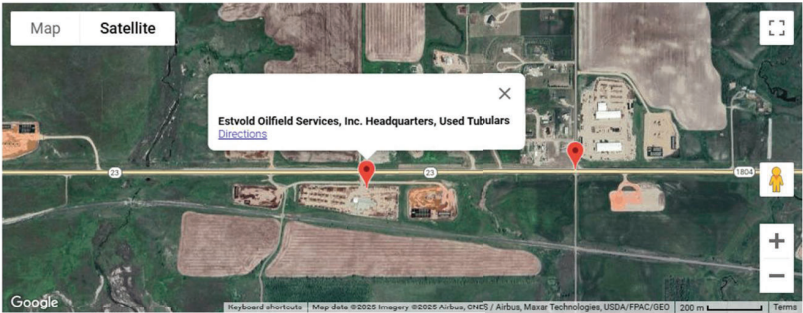


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CONTACT



Map Satellite

Estvold Oilfield Services, Inc. Headquarters, Used Tubulars
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Screenshot of
<https://www.estvoldinspectiondivision.com/> at the Used
Tubular (Pipe Yard) activity
description



Full Service Used Tubular Inspection & TENORM Remediation Facility

- Fully contained range III O.D. / I.D. cleaning machine up to 7 5/8" diameter with Rattle
- 20,000psi Water blasting with water recycling & containment
- TENORM material surveying, containment and disposal
- API 5CT, 5C1, 5A5, RP7G, DS-1 Inspection proficient
- End Area Shear Wave UT
- 4 Function E.M.I. full tubular scanning
- Pipe Grade verification & hardness testing
- Thread protector cleaner
- On-site gag straightener
- On-site stationary automatic welding hardbander
- Web-based reporting with inventory tracking and monitoring
- 24 hour yard surveillance with gated entry

Attachment 2 – Site Map

Estvold Oilfield Services Pipe Yard
Latitude/Longitude: 47.977076, -102.396769



Stored waste materials.

Imagery source: Google Maps
Imagery date: unknown

Attachment 3 – Photograph Log

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ATTACHMENT 3 – PHOTO LOG

Photographer: Annette Maxwell, unless otherwise noted.

Camera Model and ID: iPhone, SR6903

Photo 1: IMG_0105.jpg, 9/18/2024, 9:54 a.m. – photo of an indoor blue parts washer at right, black filters at center, and chemicals at left including Sunnyside Mineral Spirits for use in the parts washer.



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Photo 2: IMG_0106.jpg, 9/18/2024, 9:55 a.m. – photo of a drum containing powdery pipe scale solids.



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Photo 3: IMG_0107.jpg, 9/18/2024, 9:56 a.m. – photo of the contents of the drum shown in photo 2.



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Photo 4: IMG_0108.jpg, 9/18/2024, 9:58 a.m. – photo of a baghouse and collection drum.



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Photo 5: IMG_0109.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:03 a.m. – photo of an interior sump.



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Photo 6: IMG_0110.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:13 a.m. – photo of wastes stored near the southeast corner of the facility.



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Photo 7: IMG_0111.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:14 a.m. – photo panned right from photo 6.



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Photo 8: IMG_0112.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:14 a.m. – close-up of the waste shown in photo 6.



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Photo 9: IMG_0113.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:15 a.m. – photo of wastes and piping stored near the southeast corner of the facility that were generated off-site.



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Photo 10: IMG_0114.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:18 a.m. – photo of wastes stored near the southeast corner of the facility.



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Photo 11: IMG_0115.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:19 a.m. – photo of connectors and other parts in open-top totes.



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Photo 12: IMG_0116.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:19 a.m. – photo of the contents of open-top totes located near the southeast corner of the facility. Photo taken for Annette Maxwell by Nick Cisneros.



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Photo 13: IMG_0117.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:22 a.m. – photo of the southern boundary of the facility, taken facing southeast, with waste material visible on the hill at left.



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Photo 14: IMG_0118.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:22 a.m. – photo of the same area shown in photo 13, panned left.



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Photo 15: IMG_0119.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:22 a.m. – photo panned left from photo 14.



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Photo 16: IMG_0120.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:22 a.m. – photo taken near photos 13-15, panned left toward the west/northwest. Waste that has fallen off the slope toward the property boundary is visible at center in the photo.



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Photo 17: IMG_0121.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:22 a.m. – photo of drums shown in photos 14 and 15.



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Photo 18: IMG_0122.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:22 a.m. – close-up of the open bung on the drum shown in photo 17, showing that the contents are solids.



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Photo 19: IMG_0123.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:23 a.m. – photo of the area shown in photo 16, facing south to the property boundary, with waste material visible against the property fence line.



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Photo 20: IMG_0124.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:25 a.m. – photo of the same area shown in photo 19, with the Van Hook Arm of the Missouri River visible in the background.



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Photo 21: IMG_0125.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:26 a.m. – photo of the facility building facing northwest, with the drum shown in photo 2 visible near the southeast corner of the building and the baghouse visible near the photo center.



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Photo 22: IMG_0126.jpg, 9/18/2024, 10:28 a.m. – photo of a chemical container marked “Thinner 45” and with a flammable placard.

