

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

BASIC INFORMATION

Facility Name: Ft. Peck Auto
(formerly known as Mahto Auto)

Facility Location: 301 1st Avenue North
Wolf Point, Montana 59201
Phone: (406) 653-1011

RCRA ID: MTR000211581

Notification Status: VSQG

Facility Contact: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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Date of Inspection: August 24, 2023

Start Time: 2:50 p.m.

End Time: 3:00 p.m.

Lead Inspector: Linda Jacobson, EPA RCRA Inspector

Other Attendees:

1. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), EPA RCRA Inspector
2. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Environmental Technician

Type and Purpose of Inspection: Compliance Evaluation Inspection

Facility Type: Automotive Maintenance and Repair

Applicable Regulations to Inspection: 40 CFR Parts 260-279

Inspection Type: Unannounced Inspection
EPA Inspection

OPENING CONFERENCE

☒ CBI warning to facility provided

The following information was obtained verbally during the inspection from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), unless otherwise noted.

General Facility and Process Description: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) greeted the inspectors and stated that this location was not a business, and he was not the owner. His wife owns the building. He stated that it is a residence, not an operating business. At this shop, he only does private work on his vehicle or the vehicles of friends and family. Ft. Peck Auto continues to tow cars but they haven't done any auto repair here in the past year.

He stated that about 15 used oil drums had been removed since the last time representatives of the tribal environmental program came by. He explained that people take the oil and use

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what they can. For example, a farmer, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), has taken some of the used oil to burn for heat in his shop.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) said that there were 18 drums of used oil remaining, some with just residue and some close to being full. When (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took 10 drums, two were accidentally punctured by a forklift and there is spilled oil on the soil. This area is a brown field area.

When his wife purchased this shop in 2018, the drums of used oil were already here. The prior owner was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who operated the shop under the name Mato Automotive. He again stated that they never did oil changes as a business. He stated that he will take responsibility for the drums, clean up what was on the surface, and intends to continue to dispose of the drums.

CBI: No CBI was discussed during the inspection.

Areas of the facility toured: We were not permitted access into the shop areas. We entered the building and spoke with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), who allowed us to access the side yard and take photographs of the used oil drums.

We saw 28 drums total, of which three drums were empty. We also saw the soil spill area, oily dirt by the manhole cover, and the two punctured blue drums. Some of the drums were reused pesticide drums. For example, one drum with a pesticide label holding used oil was also labeled as "Nonselective Foliar Systemic Herbicide".

Records Review: No records were reviewed prior to or during the inspection.

Inspection Follow-up: Based on an internet search on October 17, 2023, Ft. Peck Auto is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. The site states that it is a "Native American Woman Owned Business". The agent is listed as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). The Facebook site states that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) owns the business, and the email address is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

SIGNATURE

Lead Inspector: LINDA JACOBSON Digitally signed by LINDA JACOBSON
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RCRA/OPA Enforcement Branch Manager: JANICE PEARSON Digitally signed by JANICE PEARSON
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Attachment 1: Photographs