



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604**

DATE: See Date of Section Chief Signature Below

SUBJECT: CLEAN AIR ACT INSPECTION REPORT
Express Carriers, Blue Island, Illinois

FROM: Brianna Fenzl, Environmental Engineer
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THRU: Nathan Frank, Section Chief
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TO: File

BASIC INFORMATION

Facility Name: Express Carriers Corp and Midwest Express

Facility Location: 3301 Wireton Rd, Blue Island, Illinois 60406

Date of Inspection: September 21, 2021

EPA Inspector(s):

1. Brianna Fenzl, Environmental Engineer
2. Ethan Chatfield, Environmental Engineer
3. Joshua Hufferd, Environmental Engineer

Other Attendees:

1. Thomas Gintila, Owner, Express Carriers
2. Thomas Janulevicius, Accounting Manager, Express Carriers
3. Daiva Dorofejeva, General Manager, Midwest Express Trucking Company

Contact Email Address: gintila@yahoo.com

Purpose of Inspection: Compliance with the Clean Air Act

Facility Type: Truck purchasing, rebuilding, and leasing (Express Carriers) and fleet operator (Midwest Express).

Regulations Central to Inspection: Section 203(a)(3) of the Clean Air Act.

Arrival Time: 9:40 AM

Departure Time: 2:03 PM

Inspection Type:

- Unannounced Inspection
- Announced Inspection

OPENING CONFERENCE

- Presented Credentials
- Stated authority and purpose of inspection
- Provided Small Business Resource Information Sheet
- Provided CBI warning to facility

The following information was obtained verbally from Express Carriers Corp and Midwest Express unless otherwise noted.

Staff Interview:

Express Carriers Corp (Express Carriers) is a leasing company and repair shop of heavy-duty diesel trucks with their branch office in Blue Island, Illinois. Express Carriers only leases their trucks to Midwest Express. Midwest Express is a transport company with a small office in Indiana and trucking terminals in Illinois, North Carolina, and Georgia. Midwest Express rents the space from Express Carriers. Both companies have been at this location since approximately 2011. Express Carriers has approximately 5 employees and 15 contractors. Midwest Express has approximately 30 employees and 70-80 contractors. Midwest Express is owned by Agnes Gintila.

Express Carriers purchases their trucks from insurance auction sites. Most sales are done online. A dealer auction site that Express Carriers uses often is Heavy Salvage. Express Carriers purchases trucks from auctions, rebuilds and repairs them, and sells them when they age. Trucks are often sold on Craigslist. Records are maintained by the company onsite.

The Express Carriers repair shop (located on site) is only used to repair their own trucks. When repairs are outside of Express Carriers' expertise, the trucks are sent to the dealer to be repaired. When trucks need parts, Express Carriers will purchase parts directly from dealers (ex. Truck Country, Trans Chicago, and smaller parts dealers). No CBI claimed for inspection.

TOUR INFORMATION

EPA Tour of the Facility: Yes

Data Collected and Observations:

EPA inspectors observed the Express Carriers Corp truck lot. EPA inspectors then connected the OBD scanner and conducted a physical inspection of six semi-trucks in the lot.

When EPA inspectors viewed the engine of the 6th truck, it did not have an exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) installed. The OBD scanner displayed the differential pressure at 0.00 psi and the EGR mass flow rate at N/A, shown in photo 97.

Photos and/or Videos: were taken during the inspection.

Field Measurements: were taken during this inspection.

- On-Board Diagnostic Scans on six vehicles

RECORDS REVIEW

1. Fleet summary list

CLOSING CONFERENCE

- Provided U.S. EPA point of contact to the facility

Concerns: One truck appeared to be missing emission controls (review ongoing).

DIGITAL SIGNATURES

Report Author: _____

BRIANNA FENZL Digitally signed by BRIANNA FENZL
Date: 2021.11.16 15:43:00 -06'00'

Section Chief: _____

NATHAN FRANK Digitally signed by NATHAN FRANK
Date: 2021.11.19 14:16:43 -06'00'

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APPENDICES AND ATTACHMENTS

- 1.* Appendix A: Digital Image Log

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APPENDIX A: DIGITAL IMAGE LOG

1. Inspector Name: Joshua Hufferd	2. Archival Record Location: One Drive File
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Image Number	File Name	Date and Time (incl. time zone and DST)	Description of Image
1	IMG_0001.JPG	2021:09:21 09:44:53	Parking lot at Express Carriers Corp
2	IMG_0002.JPG	2021:09:21 09:45:11	Parking lot #2
3	IMG_0003.JPG	2021:09:21 10:10:30	Truck part of Midwest Express's fleet
4	IMG_0004.JPG	2021:09:21 10:11:48	Truck #2 part of Midwest Express's fleet
5	IMG_0005.JPG	2021:09:21 10:12:53	Close up of Midwest Express logo on truck
6	IMG_0006.JPG	2021:09:21 10:14:39	Parking lot and repair shop
7	IMG_0007.JPG	2021:09:21 10:16:38	Engine photo #1
8	IMG_0008.JPG	2021:09:21 10:17:03	Engine label #1
9	IMG_0009.JPG	2021:09:21 10:19:14	View of truck #3 and license plate of truck being loaded
10	IMG_0010.JPG	2021:09:21 10:19:55	Engine view of truck #3
11	IMG_0011.JPG	2021:09:21 10:20:51	Inside door label of truck #3
12	IMG_0012.JPG	2021:09:21 10:22:34	Engine label of truck #3
13	IMG_0013.JPG	2021:09:21 10:23:19	Vehicle emission control information label on truck #3
14	IMG_0014.JPG	2021:09:21 10:26:37	Engine of truck #3
15	IMG_0015.JPG	2021:09:21 10:26:56	Engine of truck #3
16	IMG_0016.JPG	2021:09:21 10:27:55	OBD Scanner screen photo of engine specifications of truck #3
17	IMG_0017.JPG	2021:09:21 10:28:07	OBD Scanner screen engine specifications of truck #3
18	IMG_0018.JPG	2021:09:21 10:30:48	Annual vehicle inspection label of truck #3
19	IMG_0019.JPG	2021:09:21 10:30:58	Labels on truck #3 exterior
20	IMG_0020.JPG	2021:09:21 10:35:24	Engine labels on truck #3
21	IMG_0021.JPG	2021:09:21 10:47:28	Engine Information label on truck #3
22	IMG_0022.JPG	2021:09:21 10:47:37	Engine Information #2 on truck #3
23	IMG_0023.JPG	2021:09:21 10:49:30	Exterior label of vehicle information on truck #3
24	IMG_0024.JPG	2021:09:21 10:49:36	Exterior label tire information on truck #3
25	IMG_0025.JPG	2021:09:21 10:49:48	Exterior label tire information #2 on truck #3
26	IMG_0026.JPG	2021:09:21 10:49:56	Vehicle Emission Control Information label on truck #3
27	IMG_0027.JPG	2021:09:21 10:53:09	Mileage on truck #3
28	IMG_0028.JPG	2021:09:21 10:53:21	Mileage #2 of Truck #3
29	IMG_0029.JPG	2021:09:21 10:57:11	Emission controls box under truck #3
30	IMG_0030.JPG	2021:09:21 10:57:52	Close photo of emission controls box on truck #3
31	IMG_0031.JPG	2021:09:21 10:58:00	Underneath emissions control box on truck #3
32	IMG_0032.JPG	2021:09:21 10:58:10	Underneath truck #3
33	IMG_0033.JPG	2021:09:21 10:58:23	Underneath #2 truck #3
34	IMG_0034.JPG	2021:09:21 11:00:52	Engine photo
35	IMG_0035.JPG	2021:09:21 11:02:21	Important Engine Information label on truck #4
36	IMG_0036.JPG	2021:09:21 11:02:52	Important Engine Information label #2 on truck #4

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37	IMG_0037.JPG	2021:09:21 11:04:31	Vehicle Emission Control Information label on truck #4
38	IMG_0038.JPG	2021:09:21 11:06:48	Underneath truck #4
39	IMG_0039.JPG	2021:09:21 11:07:32	Underneath #2 truck #4
40	IMG_0040.JPG	2021:09:21 11:08:07	Underneath #3 truck #4
41	IMG_0041.JPG	2021:09:21 11:08:55	Side interior of truck #4
42	IMG_0042.JPG	2021:09:21 11:10:03	Accidental photo. Steps to truck #4
43	IMG_0043.JPG	2021:09:21 11:12:35	Rebuilt vehicle certification on truck #4
44	IMG_0044.JPG	2021:09:21 11:13:55	Truck #4 EGR exhaust pipe and intake
45	IMG_0045.JPG	2021:09:21 11:14:09	Truck #4 EGR exhaust pipe and intake #2
46	IMG_0046.JPG	2021:09:21 11:14:26	Tire information label on truck #4
47	IMG_0047.JPG	2021:09:21 11:14:36	Vehicle Emission Control Information label on truck #4
48	IMG_0048.JPG	2021:09:21 11:15:18	Mileage on truck #4
49	IMG_0049.JPG	2021:09:21 11:19:04	Engine photo of truck #4
50	IMG_0050.JPG	2021:09:21 11:19:20	Accidental photo of truck #4
51	IMG_0051.JPG	2021:09:21 11:19:29	Underneath truck #4
52	IMG_0052.JPG	2021:09:21 11:19:46	Covering over emission controls on truck #4
53	IMG_0053.JPG	2021:09:21 11:21:36	EGR exhaust pipe on engine for truck #4
54	IMG_0054.JPG	2021:09:21 11:22:09	Engine photo on truck #4
55	IMG_0055.JPG	2021:09:21 11:34:41	Vehicle Emission Control information label on truck #4
56	IMG_0056.JPG	2021:09:21 11:34:53	Tire details label on truck #5
57	IMG_0057.JPG	2021:09:21 11:38:17	Accidental photo of top of engine on truck #5
58	IMG_0058.JPG	2021:09:21 11:38:30	Engine label on truck #5
59	IMG_0059.JPG	2021:09:21 11:40:00	EGR exhaust pipe and intake on truck #5
60	IMG_0060.JPG	2021:09:21 11:40:15	Engine photo of truck #5
61	IMG_0061.JPG	2021:09:21 11:40:29	Engine photo #2 on truck #5
62	IMG_0062.JPG	2021:09:21 11:41:15	Underneath truck / engine on truck #5
63	IMG_0063.JPG	2021:09:21 11:41:35	Underneath truck / engine #2 on truck #5
64	IMG_0064.JPG	2021:09:21 11:41:45	Underneath truck / engine #3 on truck #5
65	IMG_0065.JPG	2021:09:21 11:42:02	Emission controls area on truck #5
66	IMG_0066.JPG	2021:09:21 11:45:11	Mileage screen on truck #5
67	IMG_0067.JPG	2021:09:21 11:45:24	Mileage screen #2 on truck #5
68	IMG_0068.JPG	2021:09:21 11:46:03	Diesel Exhaust Fluid container on truck #5
69	IMG_0069.JPG	2021:09:21 11:46:13	Engine photo of truck #5
70	IMG_0070.JPG	2021:09:21 11:46:58	Engine photo of truck #5
71	IMG_0071.JPG	2021:09:21 11:47:19	Underneath truck #5
72	IMG_0072.JPG	2021:09:21 11:48:05	Part of pipe to emission controls on truck #5
73	IMG_0073.JPG	2021:09:21 11:48:28	Back of truck #5 bed with exhaust pipe
74	IMG_0074.JPG	2021:09:21 11:57:43	Truck #5
75	IMG_0075.JPG	2021:09:21 12:03:39	Underneath truck #5
76	IMG_0076.JPG	2021:09:21 12:03:47	Underneath #2 truck #5
77	IMG_0077.JPG	2021:09:21 12:06:23	Diesel Exhaust Fluid container on truck #5
78	IMG_0077.JPG	2021:09:21 12:06:23	*Duplicate* Diesel Exhaust Fluid container on truck #5
79	IMG_0078.JPG	2021:09:21 12:06:40	Underneath truck #5
80	IMG_0079.JPG	2021:09:21 12:07:39	License plate of truck #5

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81	IMG_0080.JPG	2021:09:21 12:09:46	Tire information label on truck #6
82	IMG_0081.JPG	2021:09:21 12:10:01	Tire truck information label #2 on truck #6
83	IMG_0082.JPG	2021:09:21 12:10:23	Mileage screen on truck #6
84	IMG_0083.JPG	2021:09:21 12:11:04	Engine on truck #6
85	IMG_0084.JPG	2021:09:21 12:11:15	Engine #2 on truck #6
86	IMG_0085.JPG	2021:09:21 12:12:40	Serial number on engine on truck #6
87	IMG_0086.JPG	2021:09:21 12:13:58	Part of engine on truck #6
88	IMG_0087.JPG	2021:09:21 12:14:23	Unattached pipe endings on truck #6
89	IMG_0088.JPG	2021:09:21 12:14:40	Unattached pipe endings #2 on truck #6
90	IMG_0089.JPG	2021:09:21 12:15:25	Part of truck #6
91	IMG_0090.JPG	2021:09:21 12:15:38	Back of truck #6 and exhaust pipe
92	IMG_0091.JPG	2021:09:21 12:16:04	Annual Vehicle Inspection Label on truck #6
93	IMG_0092.JPG	2021:09:21 12:16:13	Exterior door labels on truck #6
94	IMG_0093.JPG	2021:09:21 12:17:08	Engine photo of truck #6
95	IMG_0094.JPG	2021:09:21 12:18:34	Side of engine on truck #6
96	IMG_0095.JPG	2021:09:21 12:19:08	Side of engine of truck #6
97	IMG_0096.JPG	2021:09:21 12:19:45	OBD Scanner screen showing EGR Differential Pressure and EGR Mass Flow Rate graph
98	IMG_0097.JPG	2021:09:21 12:20:41	Exhaust pipe on truck #6
99	IMG_0098.JPG	2021:09:21 12:23:30	Serial number and bar code on engine of truck #6
100	IMG_0099.JPG	2021:09:21 12:25:50	Vehicle Emission Control Information label on truck #6
101	IMG_0100.JPG	2021:09:21 12:26:02	Tire Information label on truck #6

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