

SITE: American Drum + Pallet
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July 3, 2007

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From: Steve Spurlin, On-Scene Coordinator *Spurlin*

Re: American Drum & Pallet Site Visit
806 Walnut Street, Memphis, TN

On July 3, 2007, at approximately 09300 hrs, I met on-site with Mr. Johnnie Johnson, the current owner and operator at the Site. Also in attendance was Minister Suhkara Yahweh. I introduced myself and explained that TDEC had referred the Site to EPA ERRB for evaluation.

We toured the property. Mr. Johnson & Mr. Yahweh explained that they had been attempting to clean-up the property by segregating containers out of debris piles. They were staging drums in groups around the property and had initiated numbering some drums. They expressed that their main problem was lack of sufficient funds.

They had been working with Don Putnam, Midsouth Production and Maintenance LLC, to sample 5 of the drums and obtain advice about cleanup. I called Mr. Putnam when I left the Site. He indicated he had assisted Mr. Johnson in a limited fashion, but his company had no further plans to assist due to concerns about payment.

I noted numerous drums in varying stages of deterioration around the property. Mr. Johnson estimated the drum count to be over 100. Several drums were leaking an unknown material and visible pools of oily liquids and soil staining were observed on the property. Corrosive and flammable labels were noted on numerous drums. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Yahweh indicated that they believe some drums contain waste paints and varnishes. A solvent/varnish odor was noted around some drums. There were several drainage runoff areas noted and there were stressed and dead vegetation along several of these pathways leading off-site.

Mr. Johnson signed an access agreement for EPA to conduct sampling on-site. Tentatively scheduled for 7/11/07. I gave Mr. Johnson an EPA CERCLA Federal Interest letter which he signed and acknowledged. I asked that Mr. Johnson conduct the following actions prior to my return next week:



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Over pack any leaking drums
Remove any oily pools of liquid around the Site
Cover drums with plastic

He indicated they could complete that work.