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June 27, 2024

VIA E-MAIL

Jason Abston
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Re: Violation/Inspection Summary Letter

Dear Mr. Abston:

On June 25, 2024, representatives of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Land Quality, conducted an inspection of Zore's Inc., located at 1300 N Mickley Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana. This inspection was conducted pursuant to IC 13-14-2-2. For your information, and in accordance with IC 13-14-5, a summary of the inspection is provided below:

Type of Inspection:	Complaint Follow Up
Results of Inspection:	Violations observed during the May 22, 2024, inspection remain out of compliance. Please see the attached inspection report for further information.

Within 30 days of receipt of this letter, a written detailed explanation, documenting compliance with each required action listed in the inspection report, must be submitted to this office. Please direct any response to this letter and any questions to Bre King at (317) 671-4551 or BMKing@IDEM.IN.gov. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann EuDaly, Chief
Industrial Waste Compliance Section
Compliance Branch
Office of Land Quality

Enclosure
cc: Marion County Health Department



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INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF LAND QUALITY
Follow Up Inspection Report

EPA ID NUMBER: Non-Notifier
NAME: Zore's Inc.
ADDRESS: 1300 N. Mickley Ave.
CITY & COUNTY: Indianapolis, Marion County
INSPECTION DATE: June 25, 2024
INSPECTOR(S): Bre King, Hunter Pace

<u>PERSONS INTERVIEWED</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
Jason Abston	Manager	(317) 247 - 8484

PRE-INSPECTION INFORMATION

On May 22nd, 2024, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) completed an auto salvage inspection of Zore's Inc., an automobile salvage facility and scrap metal processor located at 1300 N Mickley Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana. A complaint was received on May 9th, 2024 (TEMPO # 112318) alleging fluid mismanagement following a fire at the facility. During the inspection the property was cited for unlabeled used oil containers, mismanagement of mercury switches and fluid releases on the property (VFC # 83642806).

INSPECTION FINDINGS

On June 25, 2024, IDEM staff conducted a follow-up inspection at Zore's Inc. The inspection began in the main office where IDEM staff presented credentials and explained the purpose for the follow-up inspection. IDEM staff met with site representative, Jason Abston. IDEM staff spoke with Mr. Abston regarding any progress at the site. Mr. Abston stated that the facility had been extremely busy since the last inspection, leading to minimal progress.

The inspection continued outside, directly south of the primary garage where heavy machinery was being stored. A fluid release was observed in the standing water surrounding the machinery (see *photo log – photo 1*). IDEM staff also observed the fluid releases surrounding the parts storage remained from the May 22nd inspection (see *photo log – photos 2-11*). Absorption material was being used at the time of inspection; however, the releases present require further remediation. Mr. Abston told IDEM staff that once the absorption materials are used, they are placed in the dumpster for disposal in the municipal landfill.

IDEM staff then asked about the End-of-Life Vehicle Services (ELVS) bucket and management of mercury switches. Mr. Abston stated that no new mercury switches have been removed, but the facility had not yet returned the bucket to the ELVS program. IDEM staff reminded the facility that the ELVS bucket must be submitted within one (1) year of the first plug's removal. The year listed on the ELVS bucket is 2021.

Mr. Abston then led IDEM staff to the area near the crusher where the automotive fluids are stored after removal from vehicles. The totes have not yet been labeled (*see photo log – photo 12*). Mr. Abston stated that labels had been printed but had not yet been applied to the totes.

The inspection concluded in the facility office where the inspector informed facility staff about the next step in the process and what to expect. Mr. Abston did not have any questions for IDEM staff.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The citations noted in the May 22, 2024, inspection remain out of compliance.

Description of Violations and Further Actions

Facility Name: Zore's Inc.

EPA ID #: Non-notifier

Facility Address: 1300 N Mickley Ave.,
Indianapolis, Indiana, 46224

Inspection Date: June 25, 2024

OIL

329 IAC 13-4-3(d)(1): Used oil storage

Sec. 3. (d) Requirements for labels shall be as follows:

(1) Containers and aboveground tanks used to store used oil at generator facilities must be labeled or marked clearly with the words "Used Oil".

Note: Multiple unlabeled totes were observed.

Update 6/25/24: Totes remained unlabeled at time of inspection.

Required Action: Label (e.g., via stickers, paint, marker, stenciling) all tanks and containers with the words "Used Oil". Submit to IDEM documentation of labeling (e.g., photographs).

MERCURY SWITCHES

40 CFR 273.15(a): Accumulation time limits.

(c) A small quantity handler of universal waste may accumulate universal waste for no longer than one year from the date the universal waste is generated, or received from another handler, unless the requirements of paragraph (b) of this section are met. [Note: The plan approved under IC 13-20-17.7-4 in Indiana is the "End of Life Vehicle Solution" {commonly referred to as ELVS} Plan. This plan addresses issues such as the use of the ELVS bucket, employee safety training, labeling, spills/releases, retention time, quantity limits, and cleanup/safety equipment. The plan is designed to be compliant with Universal Waste rules].

Note: At the time of inspection, the ELVS bucket contained material from 2021.

Update 6/25/24: At the time of inspection, the ELVS bucket still contained material from 2021.

REQUIRED ACTION: Immediately send the container and all its contents to a state approved mercury processor. Begin storing newly generated mercury devices in a new approved container. Do not keep mercury waste on site for periods exceeding one (1) year.

FLUIDS MANAGEMENT

IC 13-30-2-1(1): Specific acts prohibited Sec. 1.

A person may not do any of the following: (1) Discharge, emit, cause, allow, or threaten to discharge, emit, cause, or allow any contaminant or waste, including any noxious odor, either alone or in combination with contaminants from other sources, into: (A) the environment; or (B) any publicly owned treatment works; in any form that causes or would cause pollution that violates or would violate rules, standards, or discharge or emission requirements adopted by the appropriate board under the environmental management laws.

329 IAC 10-4-2: Acts prohibited Sec. 2.

No person shall cause or allow the storage, containment, processing, or disposal of solid waste in a manner which creates a threat to human health or the environment, including the creating of a fire hazard, vector attraction, air or water pollution, or other contamination.

Note: IDEM staff observed multiple fluid spills throughout the facility.

Update 6/25/24: IDEM staff observed multiple fluid spills throughout the facility.

REQUIRED ACTION: Immediately clean-up, remove, and contain all spills and contaminated soil/debris resulting from spills and releases. Remove at least six (6) inches below visible contamination. Dispose of all waste and contaminated soil/debris in a state permitted municipal solid waste landfill. Within 30 days of receipt of this letter, submit a written response to IDEM, documenting proper disposal of the remediated waste as well as plans to prevent future contamination

Photo Log June 26, 2024



Photo 1

Facility Name: Zore's Inc.

Photographer: Bre King

Date: June 25, 2024

Others Present: Hunter Pace (IDEM), Jason Abston (Facility)

Location & Description: Rainbow sheen present in standing water located near heavy machinery storage.



Photo 2

Facility Name: Zore's Inc.

Photographer: Bre King

Date: June 25, 2024

Others Present: Hunter Pace (IDEM), Jason Abston (Facility)

Location & Description: Fluid release present near vehicle parts storage.



Photo 3

Facility Name: Zore's Inc.

Photographer: Bre King

Date: June 25, 2024

Others Present: Hunter Pace (IDEM), Jason Abston (Facility)

Location & Description: Fluid release present near vehicle parts storage.



Photo 4

Facility Name: Zore's Inc.

Photographer: Bre King

Date: June 25, 2024

Others Present: Hunter Pace (IDEM), Jason Abston (Facility)

Location & Description: Fluid release and stained soil present near vehicle parts storage.



Photo 5

Facility Name: Zore's Inc.

Photographer: Bre King

Date: June 25, 2024

Others Present: Hunter Pace (IDEM), Jason Abston (Facility)

Location & Description: Fluid release present near vehicle parts storage.



Photo 6

Facility Name: Zore's Inc.

Photographer: Bre King

Date: June 25, 2024

Others Present: Hunter Pace (IDEM), Jason Abston (Facility)

Location & Description: Fluid release present near vehicle parts storage with absorption material.



Photo 7

Facility Name: Zore's Inc.

Photographer: Bre King

Date: June 25, 2024

Others Present: Hunter Pace (IDEM), Jason Abston (Facility)

Location & Description: Fluid release present near vehicle parts storage with absorption material.



Photo 8

Facility Name: Zore's Inc.

Photographer: Bre King

Date: June 25, 2024

Others Present: Hunter Pace (IDEM), Jason Abston (Facility)

Location & Description: Fluid release present near vehicle parts storage with absorption material.



Photo 9

Facility Name: Zore's Inc.

Photographer: Bre King

Date: June 25, 2024

Others Present: Hunter Pace (IDEM), Jason Abston (Facility)

Location & Description: Fluid release and stained soil present near vehicle parts storage.



Photo 10
Facility Name: Zore's Inc.
Photographer: Bre King
Date: June 25, 2024
Others Present: Hunter Pace (IDEM), Jason Abston (Facility)
Location & Description: Fluid release and stained soil present near vehicle parts storage.



Photo 11
Facility Name: Zore's Inc.
Photographer: Bre King
Date: June 25, 2024
Others Present: Hunter Pace (IDEM), Jason Abston (Facility)
Location & Description: Fluid release and stained soil present near vehicle parts storage.

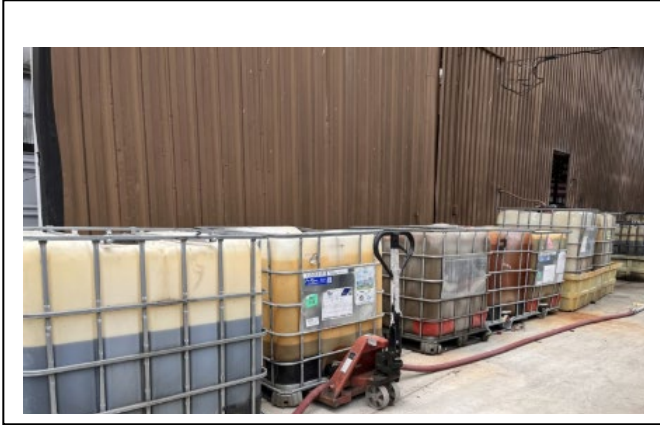


Photo 12

Facility Name: Zore's Inc.

Photographer: Bre King

Date: June 25, 2024

Others Present: Hunter Pace (IDEM), Jason Abston (Facility)

Location & Description: Unlabeled used oil totes.

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