



# INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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April 18, 2024

## **VIA E-MAIL**

Jeff DeYoung  
DeYoung's Dirt Works  
5850 Commercial Drive  
DeMotte, Indiana 46310

### **Re: Inspection Summary Letter**

Non-notifier

Dear Mr. DeYoung:

On April 16th, 2024, representatives of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Land Quality, conducted an inspection of the residence located at 5850 Commercial Drive, DeMotte, 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

Results of Inspection: No violations (see attached inspection report).

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to Mason Ellis, (317) 753-9697 or [maelli@idem.in.gov](mailto:maelli@idem.in.gov).

Sincerely,

Mason Ellis, Environmental Manager  
Industrial Waste Compliance Section  
Compliance Branch  
Office of Land Quality

Enclosure

Cc: Jasper County Health Department



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**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**  
**OFFICE OF LAND QUALITY**  
*Complaint*

**EPA ID NUMBER:** Non-notifier  
**NAME:** DeYoung's Dirt Works  
**ADDRESS:** 5850 Commercial Drive  
**CITY & COUNTY:** DeMotte, Jasper  
**INSPECTION DATE:** April 16, 2024  
**INSPECTOR(S):** Mason Ellis

<u>PERSONS INTERVIEWED</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
Jeff DeYoung	Owner	(219) 510-3699

**PRE-INSPECTION INFORMATION**

On March 13, 2024, IDEM received a complaint regarding the property of DeYoung's Dirt Works located at 5850 Commercial Drive, DeMotte, Indiana. The complaint alleged the property had removed contaminated soil from Paul's Auto yard and disposed of the soil.

**INSPECTION FINDINGS**

On April 16, 2024, IDEM conducted an inspection of DeYoung's Dirt Works property to determine compliance due to the complaint. Upon arrival, the inspector met with Mr. DeYoung, the owner of DeYoung's Dirt Works. Mr. DeYoung gave IDEM permission to conduct a compliance inspection. The sand alleged in the complaint was located directly behind the main building. The pile was roughly 20 feet in diameter and 30 feet tall. The sand appeared to be clean with no staining visible (*See photolog, photo 1*).

Mr. DeYoung outlined the area in which the soil was taken from Paul's property. The soil was taken from the dry section of Paul's property, including a large sand dune. The removal was done to allow for Paul's to re-grade and expand the usable area on the lot. The area in which the soil had been taken was outside of the bore samples that had indicated lead levels higher than usable for residential purposes.

IDEM staff explained the next step of the report process and thanked him for his time. IDEM staff concluded the inspection and left the property.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

No violations had been observed during the inspection. IDEM recommends that when picking up soil to ensure the soil has not been contaminated before removal for purposes of due diligence.

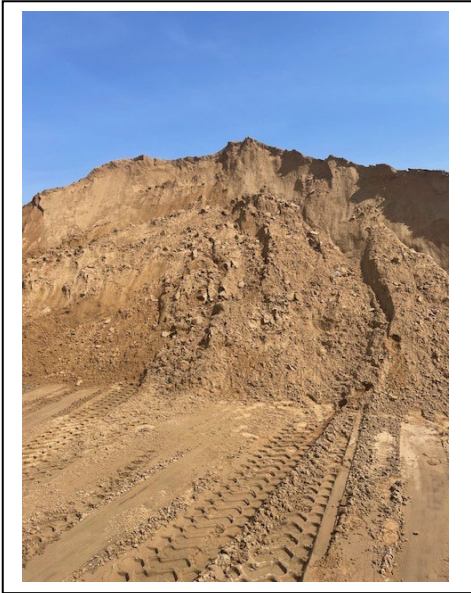


Photo 1

Facility Name: DeYoungs's Dirt Works

Photographer: Mason Ellis

Date: 04-16-24

Others Present: Jeff DeYoung

Location & Description: pile of sand located at rear of facility.