

**CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD**

**RECORD OF COMMUNICATION**

Phone Call       Other (specify)  
 Meeting                      Non-filer ISWP Inspection

P A R T I E S

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Emerald Bay Houseboats  
4801 Feather River Blvd., #16  
Oroville, Butte County  
Owner William Hill

DATE: 2/16/12  
  
TIME: 1100 a.m.

\* Party Initiating Communication

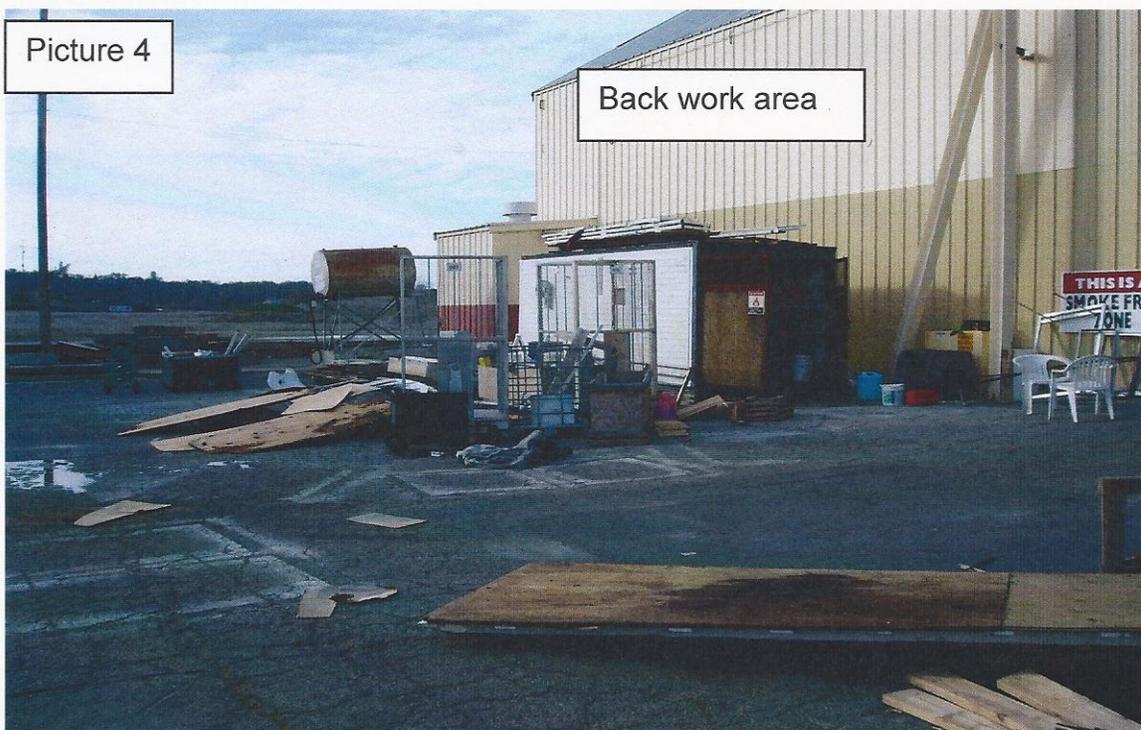
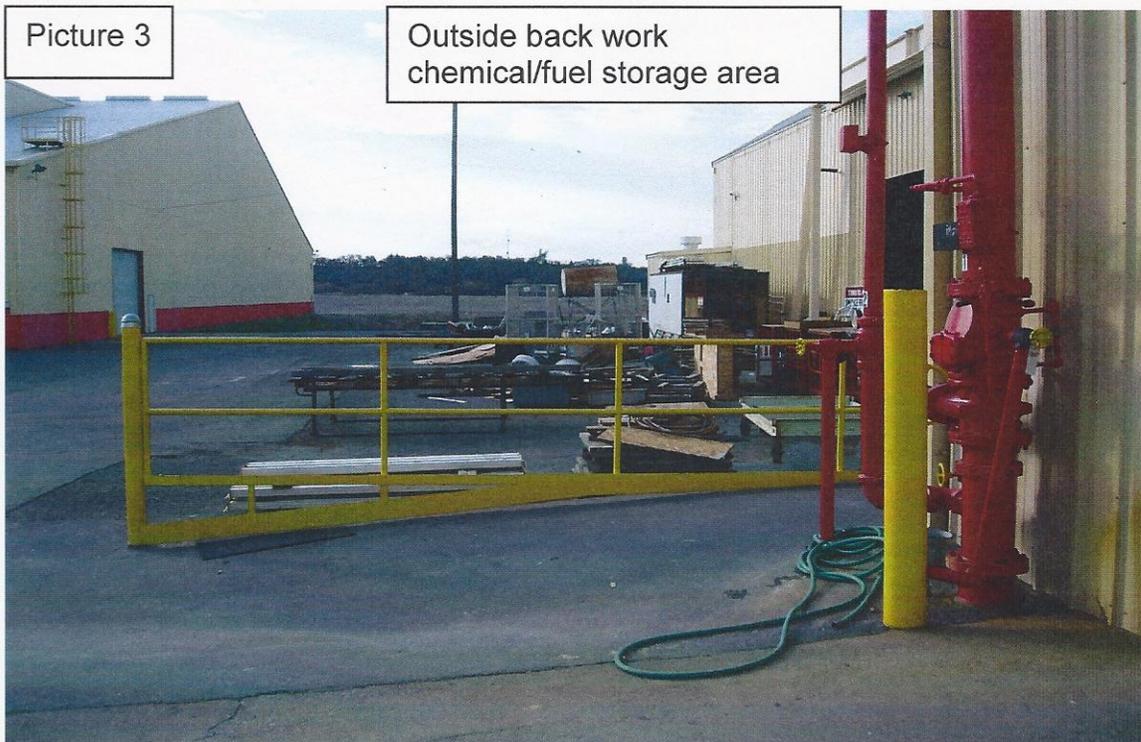
SUBJECT: Conduct Non-filer ISWP inspection

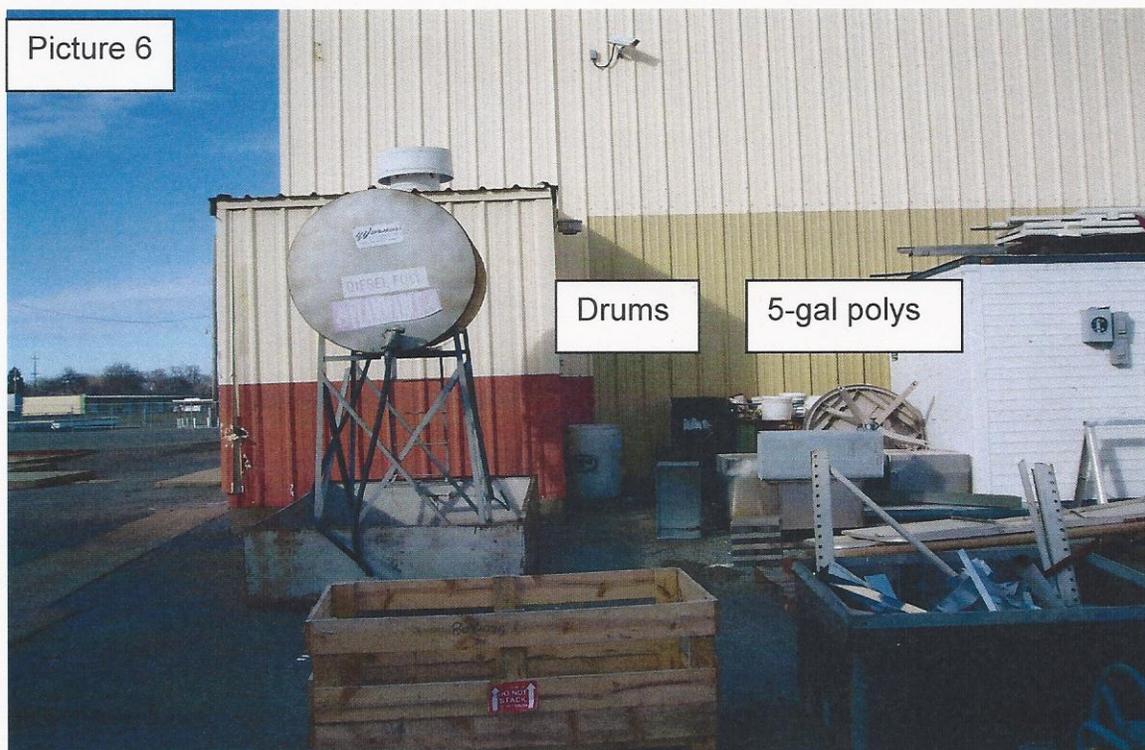
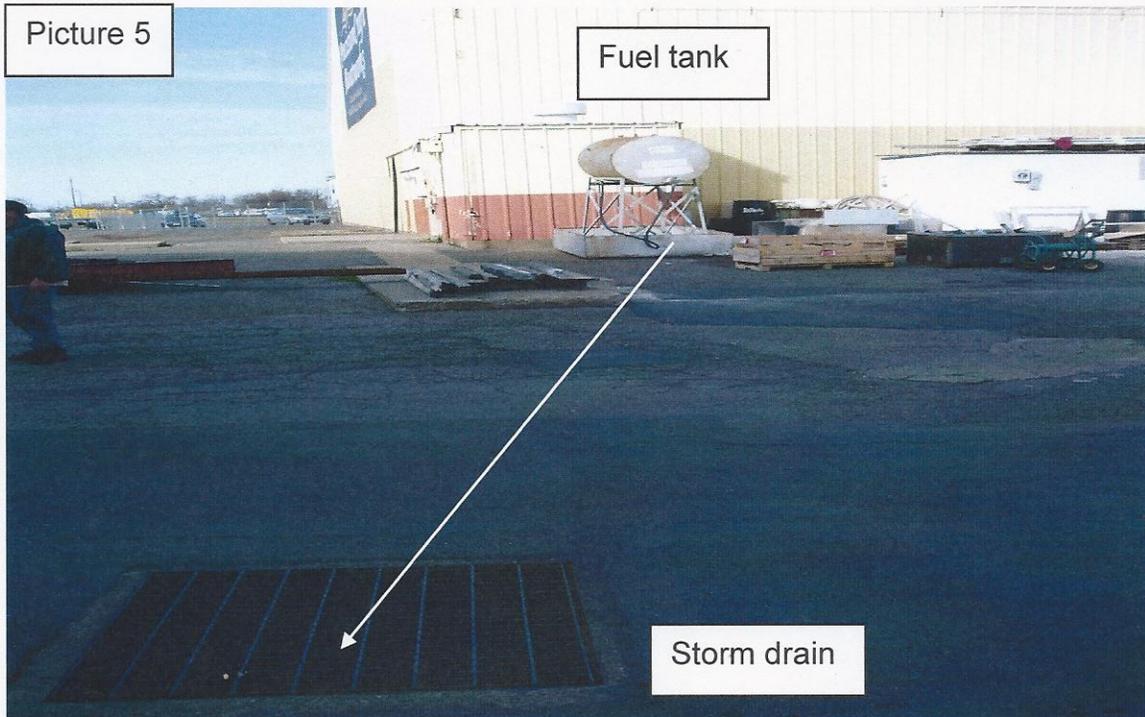
FILE: WDID Non-filer

SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION:

Conducted a Non-filer ISWP inspection for this industrial site that does not have current ISW permit coverage. I contacted Carole Mills, Office Manager and explained that I was going to conduct a site inspection; she contacted Mr. Hill who was not available and therefore Mr. Mike Rutz, General Manager, accompanied me on the site inspection. The site had numerous workers working on houseboats (painting, welding) in the front parking lot (west side facility) where numerous houseboats and RV's were parked (Mr. Rutz indicated that they also worked on RV's because they have a lot of similar systems/parts compared to houseboats). The back parking lot (east side facility) was paved and had storm drain drop inlets that discharge to an unnamed drainage that eventually discharges to the Feather River. This area had numerous pollutants of concern exposed to storm water such as an above ground fuel storage tank (with no secondary containment drain plug inserted allowing any contact water to immediately discharge to the storm drain), unlabeled 55 gal drums with missing bung caps, 5 gal polys, and one gallon paint containers, fuel cans, propane tanks being stored exposed to storm water contact. There was waste/scrap metals that were rusting, there was obvious sign that items had been painted outside directly on the pavement, waste cardboard in the storm drain ditch, pavement staining from unknown origin and a general lack of good housekeeping best management practices. Also observed was a garden hose adjacent to puddled water in this area indicating the possibility of employees washing down this area which would discharge directly to the storm drain system. The front of the business was used to actively work (sandblast, paint, weld, clean, service, repair) houseboats and RV's. I observed actively painting on a houseboat pontoon without any ground tarps deployed, both of the painters had on protective clothing. There was residual sand blast material underneath and adjacent to a pontoon that had recently been sandblasted. There was a large catch container with what appeared to be waste oil next to a ground cover tarp that had not been deployed and in another area an even larger catch container had waste oil in it with a spill that was not cleaned up. The majority of this area is paved and exhibited numerous stains of paint. There were 55 gallons drums labeled "Bad Gas & "Bad Oil"" yet did not have any hazardous waste labeling. It is unknown what is done with the waste fuels/oils and sandblast residuals. I observed an employee actively welding and an accumulation of welding waste that was on the paved ground surface. I observed numerous garden hoses in the front area that most likely are used for cleanups. Mr. Hill has been sent 3 letters requesting that he obtain ISWP coverage. He has agreed to do so by April 30, 2012.

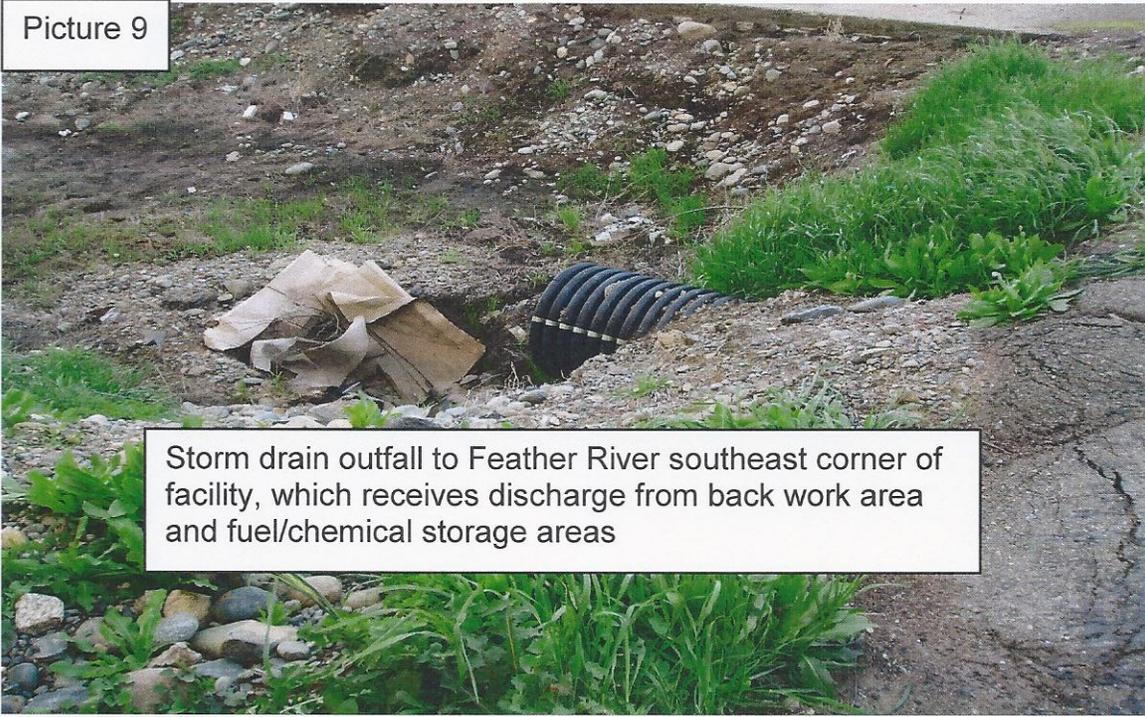








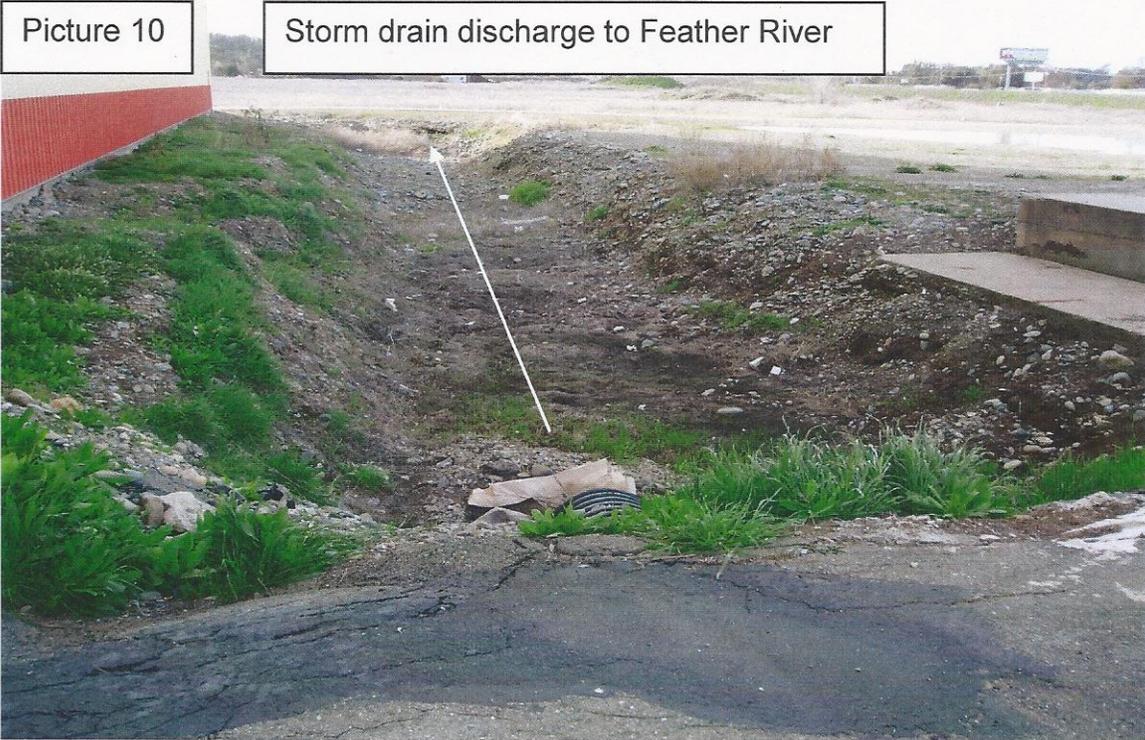
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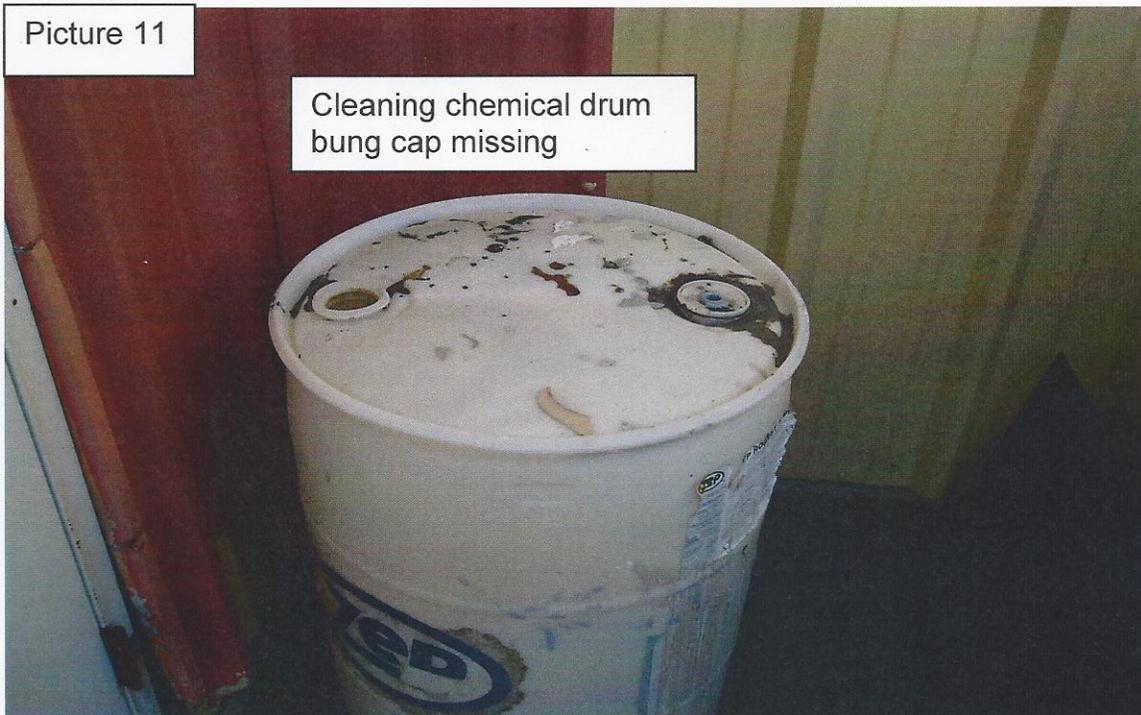
Storm drain outfall to Feather River southeast corner of facility, which receives discharge from back work area and fuel/chemical storage areas

Picture 10

Storm drain discharge to Feather River



Picture 11



Cleaning chemical drum  
bung cap missing



Paint cans

Propane

Rust

Drum bung cap missing  
with liquid on top of drum

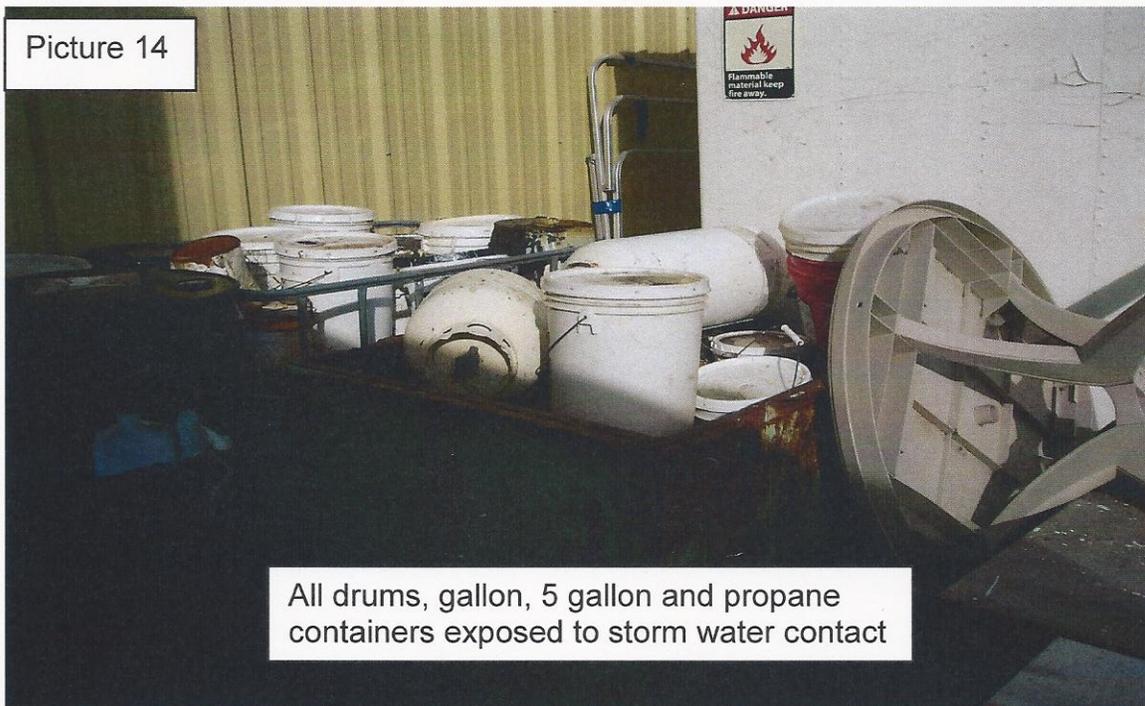
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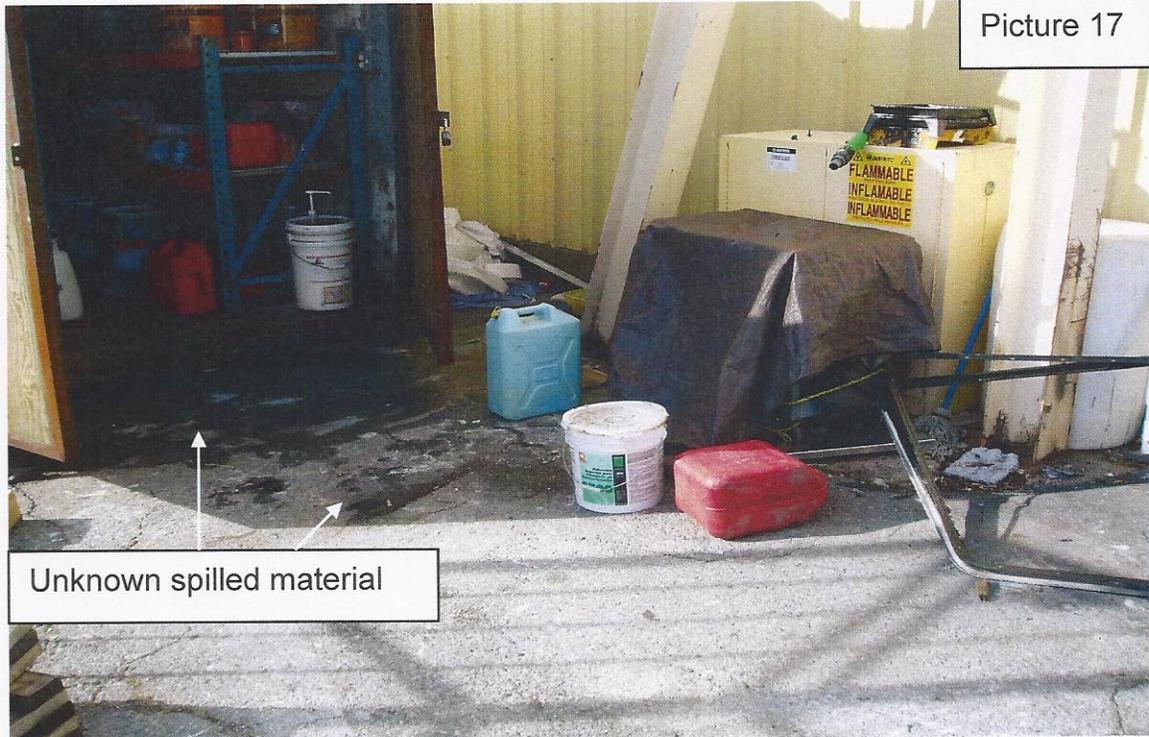
Unknown chemical drum  
with bung cap missing

Picture 14



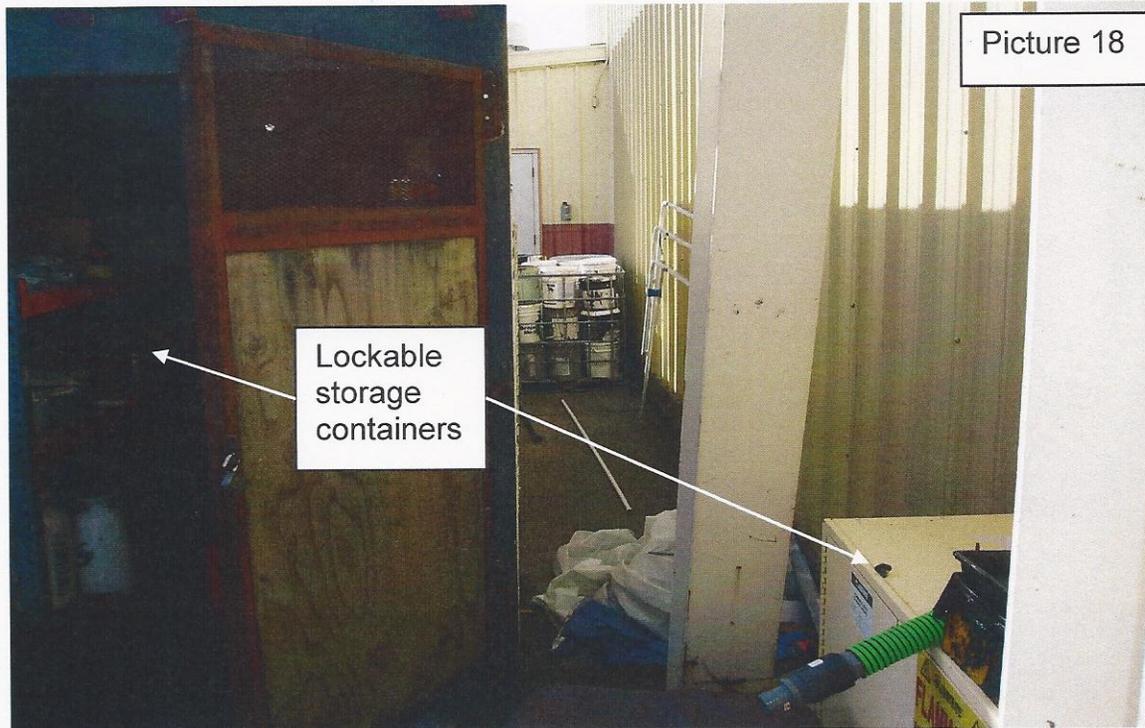
All drums, gallon, 5 gallon and propane  
containers exposed to storm water contact





Picture 17

Unknown spilled material



Picture 18

Lockable storage containers



Picture 19

Garden hose and puddle indicate wash down of work area to storm drain



Picture 20

Another spill of unknown material that was not cleaned up

Picture 21



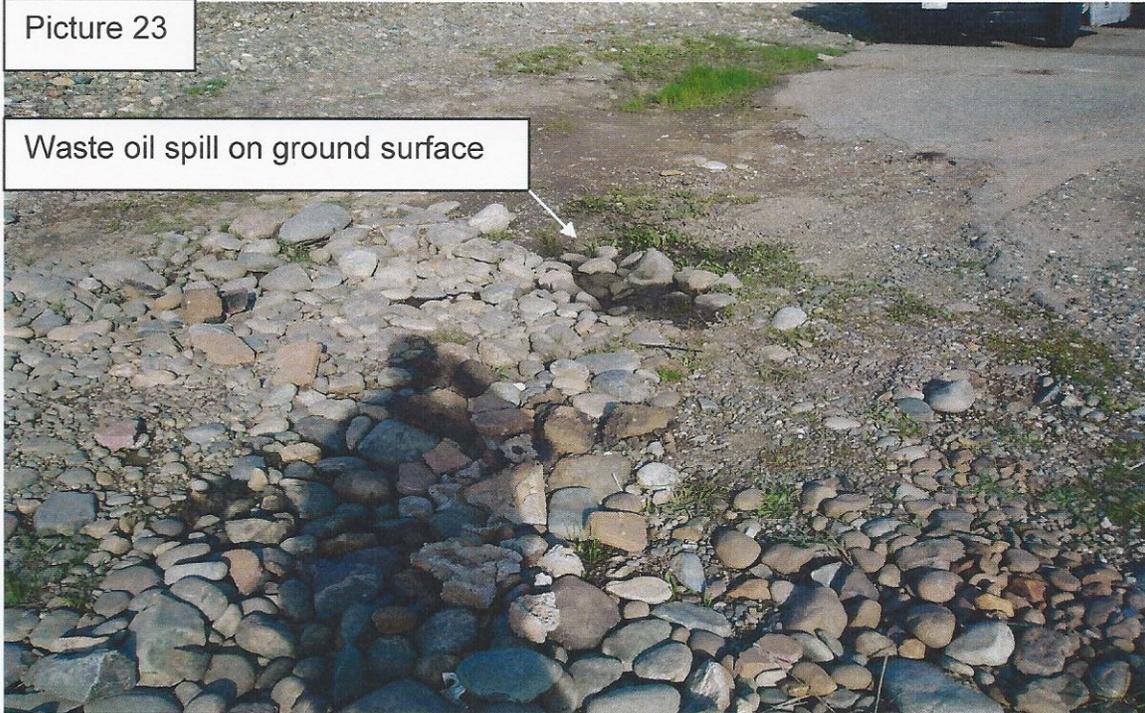
Pontoons actively being painted with no ground spill protection deployed



Painters are protected from spills

Picture 22

Picture 23



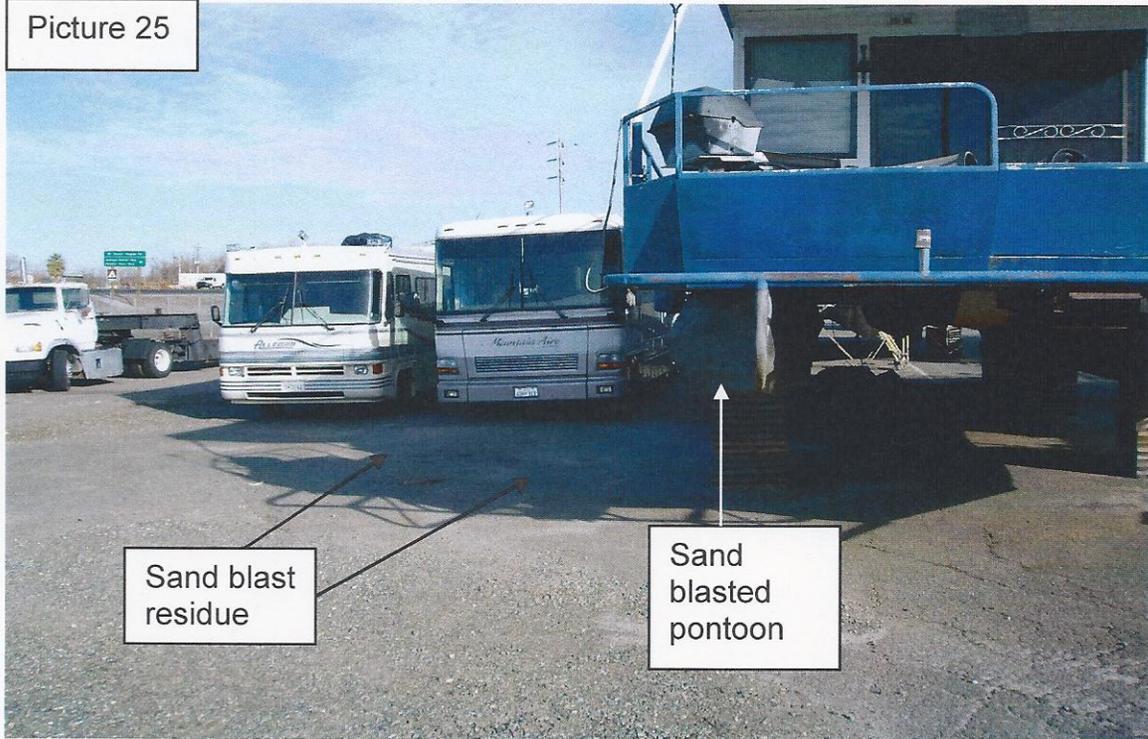
Waste oil spill on ground surface

Picture 24



Houseboats and recreational vehicles  
are serviced in front parking lot area

Picture 25

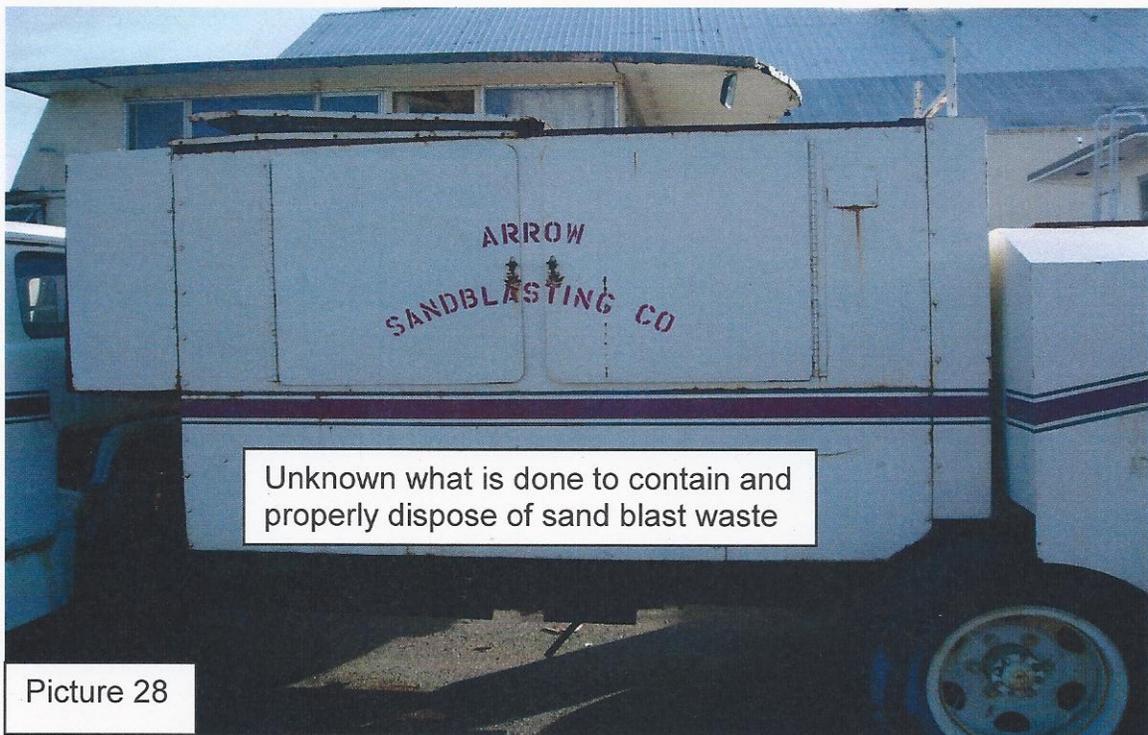


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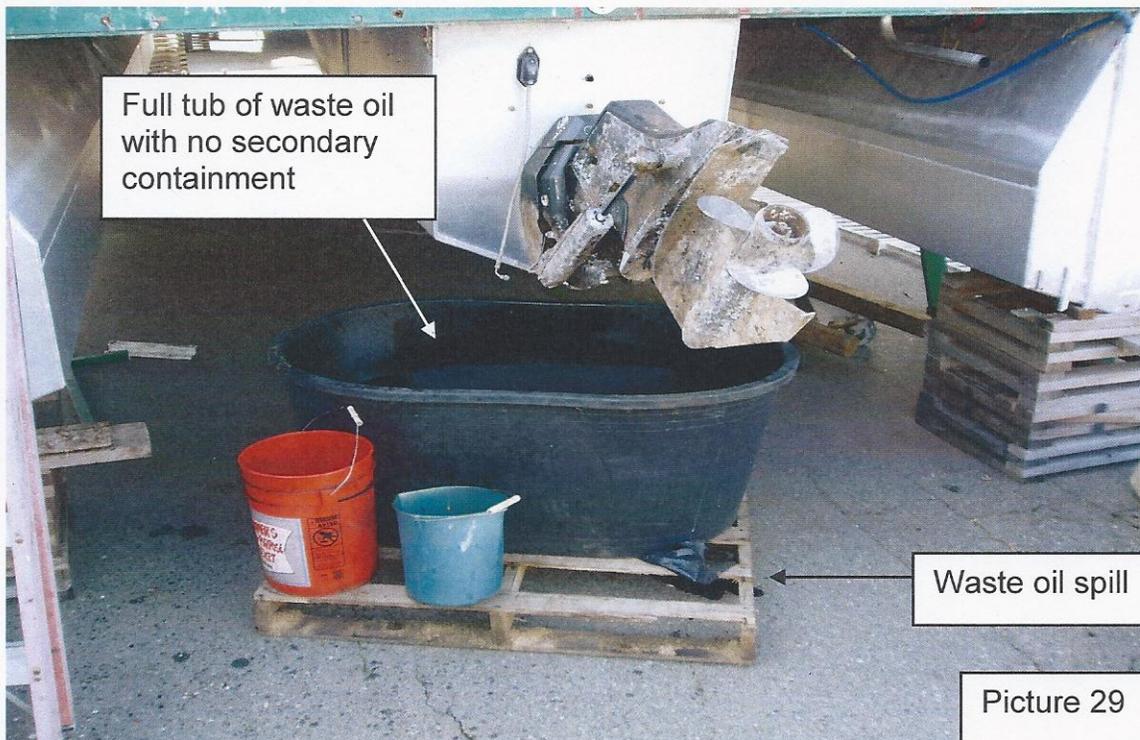


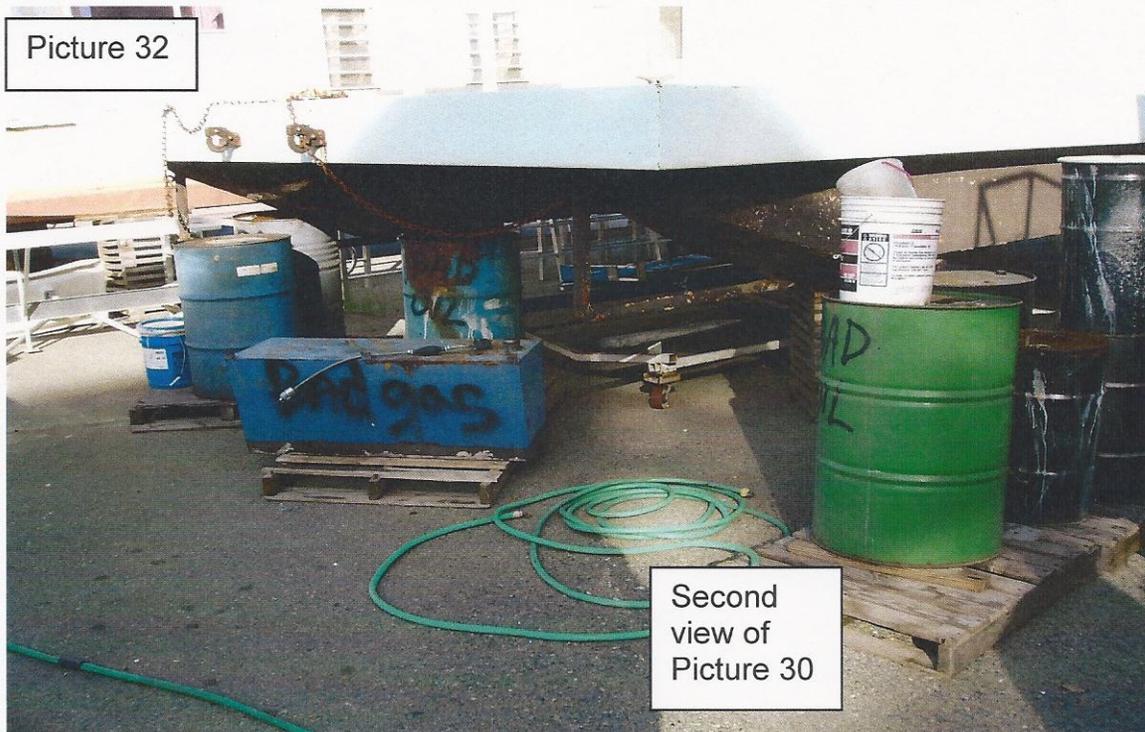


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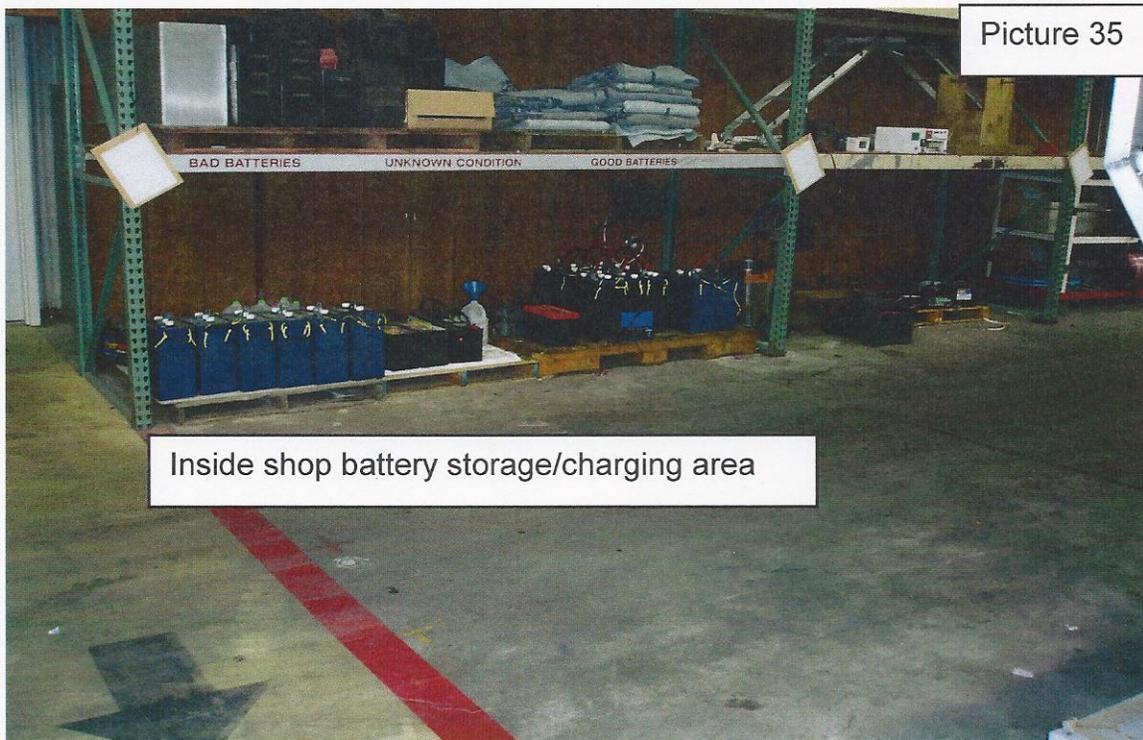


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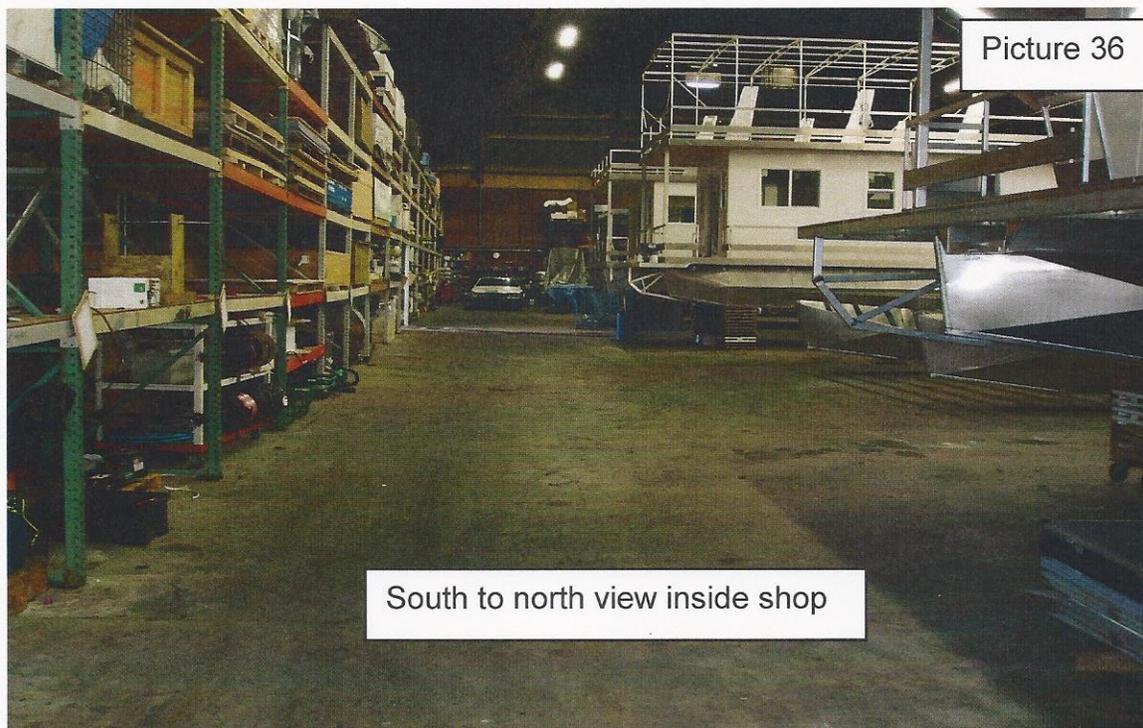






Picture 35

Inside shop battery storage/charging area



Picture 36

South to north view inside shop