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Site: Brown Transport
ID: MOD980973127
Area: 17.9
Other: Div. of Health - St. Louis

TO: Harold J. Cantrell
Sanitarian Supervisor II

FROM: Daniel J. Wilson DJW
Environmental Sanitation Specialist

DATE: 26 November 1984

SUBJECT: Suspected spraying of contaminated waste oil at 7301 Hall, NLI Corporation.

This investigation was initiated due to Jessie Orr, a former Russell Bliss driver, who informed representatives of the U.S. E.P.A. Region VII office, that in the late 1960's and early 1970's he applied waste oil to the surface of subject site.

The site is currently occupied by seven trucking companies:

- Bowling Green Express
- Mel-Motor Express Line
- Tidwell Express
- Kenney Express Inc.
- M.D.R.
- Missouri-Nebraska
- Kansas City Piggy Back

When I spoke with Jerry Burnett, President of Tidwell Express (314-382-4771) at the site, he informed me that the owner of the site is NLI Corporation with corporate offices located at 4835 LBJ Freeway, Suite 600, Heritage Square, Dallas, Texas 75234. This was verified at the City of St. Louis Tax Assessor's office.

The ownership history of this property from March 23, 1965, to present is as follows:

-June 4, 1981, to present

NLI Corporation
4835 LBJ Freeway
Suite 600
Heritage Square
Dallas, Texas 75234

-July 24, 1974, to June 4, 1981

T.I.M.E. DC Inc.
P.O. Box 2550
Lubbock, Texas 79408

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SUPERFUND RECORDS

-July 24, 1974, to July 24, 1974

HER Realty Inc.
114 5th Street
New York, New York 10011

-March 23, 1965, to July 24, 1974

M.E. and W. Realty Corp.
Terre Haute, Indiana

Mr. Burnett informed me that any access agreements for sampling performed at the site would have to come through Mr. Robert Hartvett, Manager of Real Estate, for NLI Corporation (214-386-4110).

He also informed me that T.I.M.E. DC Inc. is out of business.

I phoned Mr. Bill Niemeyer at 812-234-2272, and was informed that the M.E. and W. Realty Corp. never owned this property. They only owned the property due south at 7201 Hall. Mr. Niemeyer stated he believed T.I.M.E. DC occupied this site between March 23, 1965, to June 4, 1981.

Thus with the aforementioned in mind, there can be no concrete evidence found to prove or disprove that while working for Russell Bliss, Jessie Orr sprayed subject site in the late 1960's or early 1970's.

However, in the event that a decision is made to sample the site on the memory of Mr. Orr, I have conducted an investigation relating to the physical aspects of the site.

Access to the site may be obtained as follows:

East on Highway 44 to north bound Highway 55, take north bound Highway 55/70 to Adelaide, go east on Adelaide to Hall Street, then go north on Hall Street to the second truck terminal north of Humbolt on the west side of Hall Street.

The size of the site is as follows:

From the north east corner; 300' south then, 866' west then 90' south, then 166' west, then 386' north on a slight angle to the north west, then 885' to the east. (All of these measurements are plus/minus.) This site covers approximately 6.5 acres of land.

The surface of the site is a mixture of gravel, asphalt and concrete, with various holes throughout the site. The surface runoff is depicted on the attached drawing.

The elevation depicted on the attached drawing is from a topographical map that was prepared for the City of St. Louis in 1935. The marsh area on the drawing was shown on this same 1935 map.

Upon reviewing the St. Louis Board of Public Service records, I was unable to discover any permits being issued for a dump or land fill at this location.

In an effort to establish the location of buried utilities on subject site, the following agencies have been contacted:

-Union Electric Company--

No record of company owned buried cable at the site.

-Laclede Gas Company--

No record of company owned service at the site.

-Metropolitan Sewer District--

A 48" sewer line may be found in the middle of the property running north and south, and the general location is shown on the attached drawing indicated by the sewer grates.

-City of St. Louis Water Department--

Two water lines may be found 392'/393' north of the north curb line of Humbolt and one water line may be found 417' north of north property line of Humbolt.

-Southwestern Bell Telephone Company--

This company was not contacted due to the unknown date of sampling. However, if it is decided that the site will be sampled, then I will contact them if the depth of the sampling will warrant such a contact.

The exact depths of the aforementioned lines are unknown due to unrecorded surface changes. However, if any sampling team believes they may need to sample in a certain location and at a certain depth and this sampling might cause contact with a line, I will contact the specific agency for a locate service.

Attached may be found a drawing depicting physical structures and/or conditions that may be found at the site.

All the information that was used to construct this narrative and attached drawing may be found at 634 North Grand in Room 600, within the City of St. Louis, Missouri.

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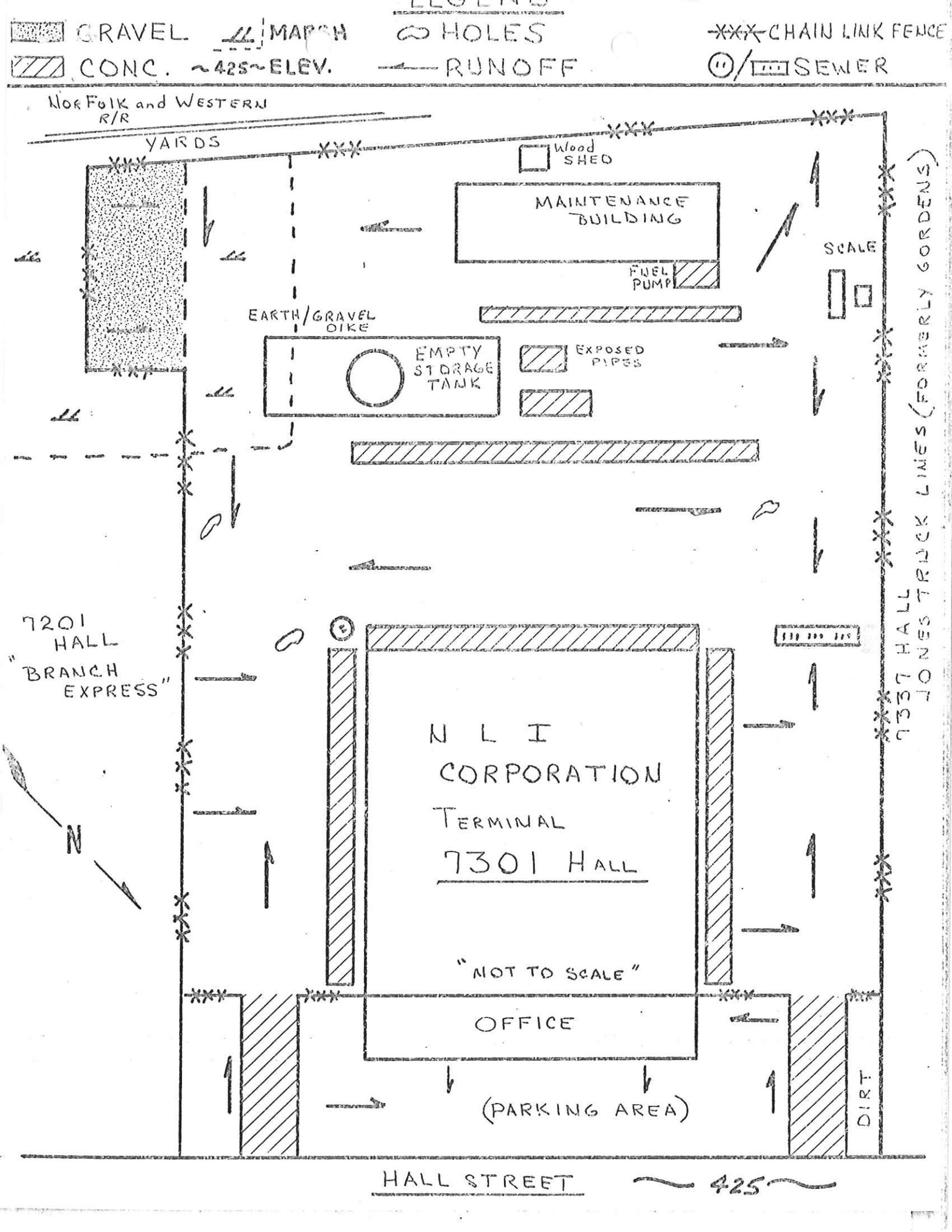
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WOOD SHED
MAINTENANCE BUILDING
FUEL PUMP
SCALE
EARTH/GRAVEL DIKE
EMPTY STORAGE TANK
EXPOSED PIPES
7201 HALL "BRANCH EXPRESS"
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N L I CORPORATION TERMINAL
7301 HALL
"NOT TO SCALE"
OFFICE
(PARKING AREA)
DIRT
7337 HALL JONES TRUCK LINES (FORMERLY GORDENS)
HALL STREET
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