City of Los Angeles
WATERSHED PROTECTION DIVISION
ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT & EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT

CASE #52967

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Spill/Fire Investigation

SYNOPSIS

March 17, 2019 – WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong, WPD Officer Cook and WPD Inspector Tran, along with various additional agencies, responded to a gasoline spill and tanker fire at 210 W Slauson Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90003. Hazardous materials/waste was located, identified, contained and removed for disposal.

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PERSON(S)/ENTITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR VIOLATIONS

Renter of 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel "A"
California Driver License ID#: F2911618
Business Name: KG Road Services
Name: Karlen Galstyan
Address #1 (on DL): 9375 Haskell Avenue, North Hills CA 91343
Address #2 (on DMV report): 4608 Finley Avenue, Apartment #6, Los Angeles CA 90027
Phone: 818-200-7660
Email: kgroadster@gmail.com
Date of Birth: 08/21/1979
Sex: M, **Hair:** BLK, **Eyes:** BRN, **HGT:** 5'6", **WGT:** 200 LB

Property Owner #1 of 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel "A"
Driver License ID#: None obtained
Business Name: Devore Scott Real Estate Trust
Name: Scott Devore
Address: 26040 Carroll Lane, Stevenson Ranch CA 91381
Phone: 661-254-0005
Date of Birth: 03/06/1945
Sex: M, **Hair:** UNK, **Eyes:** UNK, **HGT:** UNK, **WGT:** UNK

Property Owner #2 of 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel "A"
Driver License ID#: None obtained
Business Name: Devore and Devore
Name: Edward Devore
Address: Unknown
Date of Birth: Unknown
Sex: M, **Hair:** UNK, **Eyes:** UNK, **HGT:** UNK, **WGT:** UNK

Potential responsible parties

Property Manager of 210 W Slauson Ave
Business Name: Canon Business Properties, Inc. (Associate)
California Driver License ID#: E1261580
Name: Dylan Yves McCarthy
Address: 1630 Havemeyer Ln, Redondo Beach CA 90278
Date of Birth: 07/24/1992
Sex: M, **Hair:** BRN, **Eyes:** GRN, **HGT:** 6'1", **WGT:** 160 LB

Property Manager of 210 W Slauson Ave
Business Name: Canon Business Properties, Inc. (Founder, President)
California Driver License ID#: Refused to provide
Name: Alexander Radosevic
Address: Unknown
Date of Birth: Unknown
Sex: M, **Hair:** BRN, **Eyes:** UNK, **HGT:** UNK, **WGT:** UNK

Business Name: Canon Business Properties, Inc.
Real Estate Broker's (BRE) License#: 01323996
Business Address: 190 North Canon Drive, Suite 304, Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Business Phone Number: 310-273-1975
Business Email: info@canonproperties.com

Tenant of 210 W Slauson Ave
California Driver License ID#: B9853331
Name: Byung Chun Choung
Address: 210 W Slauson Ave, Los Angeles CA 90003
Date of Birth: 03/02/1960
Sex: M, **Hair:** BLK, **Eyes:** BRN, **HGT:** 6'02", **WGT:** 220 LB

Documents on burned vehicle in Parcel "A"
Business Name: Elite Fuel Transportation, Inc.
Business Address: P.O. Box 841, Bloomington, CA 92316
Business Phone Number: 951-274-0555

Registered Owner (R/O) Information for burned trailer in Parcel "A"
California License Plate #: 4GE2731
Vehicle Identification Number: 1C9124827X0112617
Year: 1999
Make: Western
Body Type Model: Carrier
R/O as of 08/09/2018: On the Road Investment, Inc.
Business Address: 19053 Parthenia St, P.O. Box 280717, Northridge, CA 91328
Status as of 08/09/2018: Salvaged

VIOLATION(S)
LOCAL

03/17/2019 Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) - 64.70.02.A. No person shall discharge, cause, permit, or contribute to the discharge of any of the following to the storm drain system or receiving waters:
(1.) No person shall discharge, cause, permit, or contribute to the discharge of any of the following to the storm drain system or receiving waters: Any liquids, solids or gases which by reason of their nature or quantity are flammable, reactive, explosive, corrosive, or radioactive, or by interaction with other materials could result in fire, explosion or injury. / *Illicit discharge of gasoline onto Slauson Avenue which resulted in an explosion on the public right-of-way.* /
(3.) Any pollutant that injures or constitutes a hazard to human, animal, plant, or fish life, or creates a public nuisance. / *Illicit discharge of gasoline onto Slauson Avenue which resulted in an explosion on the public right-of-way.* /
(5.) Any medical, infectious, toxic or hazardous material or waste. / *Illicit discharge of gasoline onto Slauson Avenue.* /

03/17/2019 Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) - 64.70.02.C.1. The following prohibitions apply to all persons within the City of Los Angeles and any violation of this subdivision shall be punishable as a misdemeanor:
(d) No person shall leave, dispose, cause or permit the disposal of hazardous wastes in a manner that results or potentially could result in a spill, leak or drainage of these wastes onto any sidewalk, street or gutter that discharges into or flows with any other runoff into the storm drain system. / *Illicit discharge of gasoline onto Slauson Avenue.* /

03/17/2019 Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) - 64.70.02.D. Controlling Spills, Dumping Or Disposal Of Materials To The Storm Drain System. No person shall leave, dispose, cause or permit the disposal of hazardous wastes in a manner that results or potentially could result in a spill, leak or drainage of these wastes onto any sidewalk, street or gutter that discharges into or flows with any other runoff into the storm drain system. **(Amended by Ord. No. 175,026, Eff. 2/2/03.)** / *Best Management Practices (BMP) violation – improper containment of gasoline; no secondary containment of gasoline; illicit discharge of gasoline onto Slauson Avenue and into the storm drain.* /

STATE

03/17/2019 California Health & Safety Code § 25189.5
(a) The disposal of any hazardous waste, or the causing thereof, is prohibited when the disposal is at a facility which does not have a permit from the department issued pursuant to this chapter, or at any point which is not authorized according to this chapter; / *Illicit storage of a hazardous materials/waste/substance, illicit discharge of a hazardous material (gasoline) to the public street.* /
(d) Any person who knowingly treats or stores any hazardous waste at a facility which does not have a permit from the department issued pursuant to this chapter, or at any point which is not authorized according to this chapter, shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code; / *Hazardous material (gasoline) stored on 210 W Slauson Ave; no hazardous waste facilities permit on record for that location.* /

03/17/2019 California Health & Safety Code § 25189.6(a) Any person who knowingly, or with reckless disregard for the risk, treats, handles, transports, disposes, or stores any hazardous waste in a manner which causes any unreasonable risk of fire, explosion, serious injury, or death is guilty of a public offense and shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than five thousand dollars ($5,000) nor more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) for each day of violation, or by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 of the Penal Code, or by both that fine and imprisonment; / *Illicit storage of a hazardous material/waste/substance (gasoline) in a residential area; gasoline caught fire and damaged surrounding property and injured two (2) individuals.* /

03/17/2019 California Health & Safety Code § 25189.7(a) The burning or incineration of any hazardous waste, or the causing thereof, is prohibited when the burning or incineration is at a facility which does not have a permit from the department issued pursuant to this chapter, or at any point which is not authorized according to this chapter; */ Hazardous material/waste/substance (gasoline) caught fire and burned; no hazardous waste facilities permit on record for that location. /*

03/17/2019 California Health & Safety Code § 25191(b)(6) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, produces, receives, stores, or disposes of hazardous waste, or submits hazardous waste for transportation, in violation of Section 25160 or 25161 or any regulation adopted by the department pursuant to those sections, including, but not limited to, failing to complete, provide, or submit the manifest in the form and manner required by the department; */ Hazardous material (gasoline) illicitly stored on 210 W Slauson Ave; no manifests found on site or on record for that location. /*

03/17/2019 California Health & Safety Code § 25201
(a) Except as provided in subdivisions (c) and (d), no owner or operator of a storage facility, treatment facility, transfer facility, resource recovery facility, or disposal site shall accept, treat, store, or dispose of a hazardous waste at the facility, area, or site, unless the owner or operator holds a hazardous waste facilities permit or other grant of authorization from the department to use and operate the facility, area, or site, or the owner or operator is operating under a permit-by-rule pursuant to the department's regulations, or a grant of conditional authorization or conditional exemption pursuant to this chapter; */ Hazardous material (gasoline) stored on 210 W Slauson Ave; no hazardous waste facilities permit on record for that location. /*
(b) Except as necessary to comply with Section 25159.18 , any person planning to construct a new hazardous waste facility or a new hazardous waste management unit, which would manage RCRA hazardous waste, shall obtain a hazardous waste facilities permit or a permit amendment from the department prior to commencing construction; */ Hazardous material (gasoline) stored on 210 W Slauson Ave; no hazardous waste facilities permit on record for that location. /*

03/17/2019 California Water Code § 13268(c) Any person discharging hazardous waste, as defined in Section 25117 of the Health and Safety Code , who knowingly fails or refuses to furnish technical or monitoring program reports as required by subdivision (b) of Section 13267 , or who knowingly falsifies any information provided in those technical or monitoring program reports, is guilty of a misdemeanor, may be civilly liable in accordance with subdivision (d), and is subject to criminal penalties pursuant to subdivision (e); */ Hazardous material (gasoline) discharged to the public street from 210 W Slauson Ave; no technical/monitoring program reports on record for that location. /*

03/17/2019 California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division I, § 3.15. Flammable and Combustible Liquids. Flammable and combustible liquids shall not be placed, stored or handled in any occupancy within the scope of California Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division 1 regulations except as provided in the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 9, California Fire Code; */ Hazardous material (gasoline) illicitly stored on 210 W Slauson Ave. /*

03/17/2019 California Penal Code 372. Every person who maintains or commits any public nuisance, the punishment for which is not otherwise prescribed, or who willfully omits to perform any legal duty relating to the removal of a public nuisance, is guilty of a misdemeanor; */ Illicit storage of a hazardous materials/waste/substance, illicit discharge of a hazardous material (gasoline) to the public street. /*

03/17/2019 California Penal Code 374.8(b). Any person who knowingly causes any hazardous substance to be deposited into or upon any road, street, highway, alley, or railroad right-of-way, or upon the land of another, without the permission of the owner, or into the waters of this state is punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 for a term of 16 months, two years, or three years, or by a fine of not less than fifty dollars ($50) nor more than ten thousand dollars ($10,000), or by both the fine and imprisonment, unless the deposit occurred as a result of an emergency that the person promptly reported to the appropriate regulatory authority; */ Illicit discharge of a hazardous substance (gasoline) to the public street, no owner permission to store or discharge hazardous substance to the public street. /*

03/17/2019 California Penal Code 387 (a)(1). Any corporation, limited liability company, or person who is a manager with respect to a product, facility, equipment, process, place of employment, or business practice, is guilty of a public offense punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars ($10,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment; or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 for 16 months, two, or three years, or by a fine not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000); or by both that fine and imprisonment, but if the defendant is a corporation or a limited liability company the fine shall not exceed one million dollars ($1,000,000), if that corporation, limited liability company, or person does all of the following: (1) Has actual knowledge of a serious concealed danger that is subject to the regulatory authority of an appropriate agency and is associated with that product or a component of that product or business practice; */ Illicit storage of a flammable hazardous substance (gasoline) in a residential area, gasoline caught fire and damaged surrounding property and injured two (2) individuals. /*

03/17/2019 California Fire Code 5703.4. Spill control and secondary containment. Where the maximum allowable quantity per control area is exceeded, and where required by Section 5004.2, rooms, buildings or areas used for storage, dispensing, use, mixing or handling of Class I, II and

IIIA liquids shall be provided with spill control and secondary containment in accordance with Section 5004.2. / *No spill control or secondary containment of the hazardous flammable liquid (gasoline) found at 210 W Slauson Ave. /*

03/17/2019 California Fire Code 5703.5. Labeling and signage. The fire code official is authorized to require warning signs for the purpose of identifying the hazards of storing or using flammable liquids. Signage for identification and warning such as for the inherent hazard of flammable liquids or smoking shall be provided in accordance with this chapter and Sections 5003.5 and 5003.6. / *No warning signage or placards found on the container containing the hazardous flammable liquid (gasoline) at 210 W Slauson Ave. /*

03/17/2019 California Fire Code 5704.2.9.6.1. Locations where above-ground tanks are prohibited. Storage of Class I and II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within the limits established by law as the limits of districts in which such storage is prohibited (see Section 3 of the Sample Legislation for Adoption of the *California Fire Code* on page xxv). / *Tanker containing hazardous flammable liquid (gasoline) found in a residential area, between two residences, at 210 W Slauson Ave. /*

03/17/2019 – Fish and Game Code 5650(a). Except as provided in subdivision (b), it is unlawful to deposit in, permit to pass into, or place where it can pass into the waters of this state any of the following:
(1) Any petroleum, acid, coal or oil tar, lampblack, aniline, asphalt, bitumen, or residuary product of petroleum, or carbonaceous material or substance; / *Illicit discharge of a petroleum product (gasoline) to the public street and into the storm drain. /*
(6) Any substance or material deleterious to fish, plant life, mammals, or bird life; / *Illicit discharge of a hazardous substance/pollutant (gasoline) to the public street and into the storm drain. /*

FEDERAL

03/17/2019 Clean Water Act § 1311(a). Illegality Of Pollutant Discharges Except In Compliance With The Law. Except as in compliance with this section and sections 1312, 1316, 1317, 1328, 1342, and 1344 of this title, the discharge of any pollutant by any person shall be unlawful; / *Hazardous material/pollutant (gasoline) discharged to the public street from 210 W Slauson Ave. /*

03/17/2019 Clean Water Act § 1319(c)(1)(A). Any person who—negligently violates section 1311, 1312, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1321(b)(3), 1322(p), 1328, or 1345 of this title, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 1342 of this title by the Administrator or by a State, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under section 1342(a)(3) or 1342(b)(8) of this title or in a permit issued under section 1344 of this title by the Secretary of the Army or by a state…shall be punished by a fine of not less than $2,500 nor more than $25,000 per day of

violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or by both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment shall be by a fine of not more than $50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 2 years, or by both; */ Hazardous material/pollutant (gasoline) discharged to the public street from 210 W Slauson Ave, violating CWA § 1311(a). /*

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
WATERSHED PROTECTION DIVISION
COMPLAINT INSPECTION REPORT

DATE: March 17, 2019 **WPD CASE ID NUMBER:** 52967

CAL OES NUMBER: 19-1830 **NRC NUMBER:** 1240344

RESPONSIBLE PARTY NAME(S): Karlen Galstyan, Scott Devore, Edward Devore

INCIDENT LOCATION: 210 W Slauson Ave, Los Angeles, California, 90003

LEAD OFFICER(S): Assistant Chief Environmental Compliance Officer Howard Wong & Environmental Compliance Officer Carolyn Cook

SUBJECT: Gasoline spill into storm drain and tanker fire

REPORT:

INCIDENT DETAIL

Sunday, March 17, 2019

On Sunday, March 17, 2019, at approximately 0830 hrs, Watershed Protection Division (WPD) Assistant Chief Environmental Compliance Officers (ECOs) Gonzalo Barriga and Howard Wong received notification from Wastewater Collection Systems Division (WCSD) Supervisor Dan Rodriguez regarding a fuel fire at the intersection of Slauson Ave and Broadway, Los Angeles, California, 90003. Fuel and fire was released into the storm drain located at the intersection. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) were on scene.

At approximately 0835 hrs, I, WPD (ECO) Carolyn Cook, received a call at home from WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong, who requested I respond to the fuel fire/spill at Slauson Ave. and Broadway. I arrived at WPD's main office at 2714 Media Center Drive, Los Angeles, California 90065 to wait for my partner for the day, WPD Environmental Compliance Inspector (ECI) Michael Tran. ECI Tran arrived at the office at approximately 1000 hrs.

At approximately 0845 hrs, LAFD notified the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) of "a tanker leaking an unknown combustible fluid that has caught one home on fire and one with exposure damage." The Cal OES incident number assigned was 19-1830.

At approximately 0905 hrs, WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong received a call from LAFD Hazmat Squad 21's Captain Lillenberg, who stated that two (2) large containers of petroleum fuel located on private property had caught fire. The fire had been extinguished but a large

amount of runoff had been created. At approximately 0915 hrs, WPD Chief Barriga received an update from WCSD Supervisor Rodriguez, who stated that the fire had caused damage to two (2) residential homes, and that storm drain covers had been blown off in the area.

At approximately 1045 hrs, ECI Tran and I arrived at 210 W Slauson Ave. The temperature was about 79 degrees Fahrenheit and the sky was clear and sunny. The following entities were on site upon our arrival: Los Angeles County Health Hazmat, LAFD, LAPD, Los Angeles City Department of Transportation (DOT), Public Works Storm Maintenance and WCSD. The designated "command center" for the incident was a Mobil gas station located at 254 West Slauson Ave. I received a brief summary from LAFD, who stated a fuel/water mixture leaked from a 9,000 gallon tanker that was on the property of 210 W Slauson Ave, was released along the curb of Slauson Ave, discharged into the storm drain, caught fire, and the resulting explosion "blew off" several manhole covers along Slauson Ave. Per NavigateLA, the affected catch basin's number was #55701461111100 (along south Slauson Ave sidewalk; at the southeast corner of Slauson Ave and Broadway [Figure 1]).

LAFD stated that at approximately 0945 hrs, they were informed of a gas leak that turned into a fire. They stated approximately 1,500 gallons of a fuel/water mixture leaked out from the tank onto the public right-of-way, and that catch basins were affected. They stated three (3) manhole covers were blown off with one that had split in half. They stated two (2) females – a 41-year-old mother and an 18-year-old daughter – were pedestrians walking on the sidewalk of Slauson Ave, and were injured from the fire. LAFD said the mother had 2nd – 3rd degree burns, and the daughter's hair had been singed. Both women were taken to a hospital for treatment.

At some point in time on this day, additional individuals from other agencies arrived on site, including Officer James Davis of LAPD Hazmat, Ed Garcia of LA Department of Building and Safety (LADBS), Flood Control Construction Supervisor Tom Rabago of LA County Department of Public Works (DPW), Federal On Scene Coordinator (FOSC) Robert Wise of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and the LA County Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Division.

WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong, WPD ECI Tran and I were not allowed to investigate and survey 210 W Slauson Ave. until approximately 1315 hrs. Once we were there, I took several photographs. The odor of fuel was strong on the property. The property had no house on it, was approximately 97 feet wide and 110 feet long, and appeared to be split into two parts vertically down near the center of the property (Figure 1). After a later conversation (at 1555 hrs) with USEPA's FOSC Wise and Canon Business Properties Manager Mr. Dylan Yves McCarthy, it was confirmed that 210 W Slauson Ave was split into two parcels, parcel "A" (west side) and parcel "B" (east side). Mr. McCarthy stated that each parcel has its own business and its own lease. According to NavigateLA, parcel "A" is 210 W Slauson Ave, and parcel "B" is 206 W Slauson Ave (Figure 3). At that time, McCarthy stated that the fuel leak and fire originated on parcel A (Figure 2). Parcel A was very heavily damaged. It contained a fire-damaged tanker sitting on what appeared to be a concrete pad (it was later determined that the so-called tanker was an MC-306/DOT-406 [Motor Carrier/Department of Transportation, respectively] tank with an approximate 9,000 gallon capacity), and the front half of it was almost melted completely to the ground. The back half was more intact and

was about 1/3 full with liquid (it was later determined by WPD's relief team that the depth of the liquid in the tanker was 14 inches). Parcel A also contained two fire-damaged storage trailers and at least two fire-damaged vehicle axles (one appeared to be a tractor). One of the trailers had a CA license plate with number 4GE2731 (Figure 31). Parcel B had less damage to it and contained a few sheds, a pickup truck, a dumpster and a trailer. Most of the damage there was along the metal wall that was splitting the property in half. On the burned tractor, some paperwork was found with a company label and address on the header – Elite Fuel Transportation Inc., PO Box 841, Bloomington, California 92316 (phone number 951-274-0555) (Figure 36). Black soot, charred materials and LAFD's fire suppression foam covered the property.

At approximately 1000 hrs, LAPD Hazmat Officer Davis stated that this is a case of possible illegal fuel theft. He stated that American Red Cross Workers were on site helping displaced and evacuated persons – about thirty (30) persons total.

At approximately 1100 hrs, WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong arrived on site at 210 W Slauson Ave. He informed me that the affected storm drain leads to Compton Creek, which then leads to the Los Angeles River. He stated that one crew from Clean Harbors Environmental Services (CHES) was checking Compton Creek for contamination, and that another CHES crew was en route to 210 W Slauson Ave. The CHES Project Manager on site for this incident was Edson Martinez, and one of CHES' Environmental Technicians was Jesse Hernandez. WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong also stated that at 1000 hrs, there were three CHES employees monitoring the LA River at E Del Amo Boulevard and the 405 freeway, Carson, CA 90746, downstream from the incident (LA County Flood Control jurisdiction).

From approximately 1205 hrs – 1215 hrs, WPD ECI Tran and I used RKI Eagle 2 air monitors to monitor the areas around the three manholes where the covers were blown off. No significant findings were detected.

At 1215 hrs, WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong was informed by CHES that the fuel/water spill did not enter Compton Creek or the Los Angeles River, and that the spill had been contained by CHES at 84th Place and Broadway. No fuel odors or sheen was seen in Compton Creek. 84th Place and Broadway is about two (2) miles south of 210 W Slauson Ave.

A CHES crew arrived at 210 W Slauson Ave at approximately 1220 hrs, and a tailgate meeting was held at the Mobil gas station for all agencies present on site at that time. WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong informed me that LAFD was the lead agency for the incident at that time. LAFD Joint Hazard Assessment Team (JHAT) Captain Bryan Dejong led the meeting. Between all agencies speaking, the following was stated: Out of the three (3) maintenance holes that were blown off, two (2) were catch basin lids, and one (1) was a main storm drain lid. A trailer found on 210 W Slauson Ave was burned out, in poor shape, and could cave in. Mr. Garcia of LADBS stated that a nearby billboard was unstable. He stated that residents who were displaced east of 216 W Slauson Ave need to be rehoused, and that the home at 216 W Slauson Ave was badly damaged and uninhabitable. The soil at that property had become saturated and contaminated with the fuel/water mixture. WCSD would assist with sandbagging storm drains and replacing missing manhole covers. Flood control Construction Supervisor Rabago of LA County stated his crew would assess the storm drains

and sewers where any damage was found (plus 50 feet beyond end of damage points). It was later determined that no sewers were impacted from the spill/fire.

At approximately 1250 hrs, WPD ECI Tran, along with CHES and LA Co. Fire Department Health Hazmat, separated from the incident command center to flush out and collect samples from the storm drain at 66th St and Broadway (see "Mitigation and Cleanup" section of report for more details). WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong and I remained at 210 W Slauson Ave to take photos, conduct interviews, and continue the investigation. At this time, WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong told me the tanker was possibly a DOT MC 406 model.

At approximately 1310 hrs, LADBS posted a red "UNSAFE" flyer on at least two residences (206 W Slauson Ave & 216 W Slauson Ave) (Figure 41).

At approximately 1315 hrs, WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong informed me that WPD would be handling/overseeing the spill cleanup on the public right-of-way (curb and storm drains), while the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would be overseeing all aspects of the cleanup on the private property. He stated that the renter/leasee may be liable for the incident.

At some point between 1400 hrs – 1600 hrs, USEPA FOSC Wise received information regarding property ownership of 210 W Slauson Ave. Wise relayed to me and WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong that the property owner is listed as Devore Scott Real Estate Trust with LA County parcel number 6005009004. Wise stated that a 73-year old man named Scott Devore is the owner of the Trust, and "just got out of the hospital." USEPA FOSC Wise stated that Scott had a brother (and that there are four [4] total Devore brothers) named Don Devore (phone number 323-876-5099) and that USEPA FOSC Wise had left a voicemail with Don. USEPA FOSC Wise stated Don used to lease a recycling company until about two months ago. USEPA FOSC Wise was not able to make contact with Scott or Don Devore.

At approximately 1555 hrs, Canon Business Properties Manager Mr. McCarthy arrived at 210 W Slauson Ave, and spoke with USEPA FOSC Wise about the spill, fire, damage and cleanup. Mr. McCarthy stated that each parcel has its own business and its own lease agreement. USEPA FOSC Wise advised Mr. McCarthy that, due to the absence of property owner/s and the fact that Wise had been unable to reach them so far, Canon Business Properties needed to be responsible for cleaning up the spill on 210 W Slauson Ave, and other impacted private property. Mr. McCarthy closed himself in his car and got on the phone with an unknown person (possibly his supervisor) to receive approval to use Canon's funding to pay for the private property cleanup. At approximately 1920 hrs, Mr. McCarthy received approval to clean the affected private property, and to use CHES as the contracted clean-up company.

At approximately 1945 hrs, LAFD Assistant Chief Jaime Moore gave a press conference at the Mobil gas station for multiple media outlets that had been steadily arriving on scene. LAFD Chief Moore stated that 100 firefighters had responded to the incident. He stated that the injured older female suffered 2nd-3rd degree burns on 30% of her body, and that the injured younger female suffered a laceration from shattered glass.

At approximately 2050 hrs, per the direction of WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong, I called the National Response Center (NRC) to report the incident and cleanup progress. The NRC incident number assigned was 1240344. After that, I called the Cal OES and updated them on the incident and cleanup progress.

At approximately 2215 hrs, WPD Lieutenant Eric Lee and WPD ECO Aaron Harris arrived at 210 W Slauson Ave to relieve me and WPD ECI Tran. WPD Lt. Lee and WPD ECO Harris continued monitoring CHES' cleanup of the public right-of-way spill, and also collected three source samples from the tanker sitting on the property. The samples were collected from the product layer. At approximately 2225 hrs, WPD ECI Tran and I left the scene, and WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong left shortly after.

SOURCE/RESPONSIBLE PARTY INVESTIGATION

Monday, March 18, 2019

On Monday, March 18, 2019, at approximately 0400 hrs, cleanup of the spill on the public right-of-way commenced, and WPD Lt. Lee and WPD ECO Harris left the scene.

During the day (exact time unknown), WPD ECI Abraham Abrahamian and WPD Lt. Joseph Fortaleza responded to a complaint at 153 W 58th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90003 (WPD case number 52989). The complaint was regarding "fire fighter water" pooling near a school (unknown which school, possibly Aspire Slauson Academy at 123 W 59th Street). WPD Lt. Fortaleza and WPD ECI Abrahamian observed a large pool of water that began at the corner of 58th Pl and Inskeep Ave and "went down towards the school." They conducted a flammability test on the water which had a negative result. They then called WCSD Supervisor Michael Bates to arrange for a Vactor truck to arrive and vacuum up the water. No injuries or hazards were reported from this investigation.

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

On Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at approximately 0715 hrs, WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong forwarded me an email USEPA FOSC Coordinator Rob Wise received from Mr. McCarthy, containing leasing documents for 210 W Slauson Ave, parcel "A," that coincide with the fuel spill/fire incident. Documents included a lease agreement between "Devore and Devore" (lessor) and "Karlen Galstyan D/B/A KG Road Services" (lessee); a photocopy of Mr. Galstyan's driver license; and a credit and background check conducted on Mr. Galstyan, conducted by Air Commercial Real Estate Association. The lease agreement stated that Mr. Galstyan's lease start date was Friday, February 1, 2019, and the lease end date was Monday, January 31, 2022. The agreement also stated, under section 1.7 ("Agreed Use"), that "The Premises shall be used for truck and vehicle storage and no other use. Under no circumstance shall Lessee store any toxic chemicals on the Premises." Section 6 of the agreement goes into further detail about hazardous substances.

At approximately 1120 hrs, I arrived at Gu's Recycling, Inc. (1549 Fishburn Avenue), and WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong and DOT Investigator Felix Gonzalez arrived shortly after. WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong received information that the tanker that was on 210 W Slauson Ave was transported to Gu's Recycling facility, and he wanted to inspect the tanker

closely. Upon arrival, the President of Gu's Recycling, Alex Gonzalez, informed us that the tanker had been destroyed and sold for scrap metal already.

At approximately 1205 hrs, I and WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong arrived at 210 W Slauson Ave. USEPA FOSC Wise, CHES, and CDFW Wardens were present. CHES was still actively cleaning the private property areas of 210 W Slauson Ave, and EPA was monitoring the air quality on and around the property.

At approximately 1240 hrs, Canon Properties Property Manager Mr. Alex Radosevic arrived at 210 W Slauson Ave, and WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong and I conducted an interview with him. Mr. Radosevic stated that the property's lease does not permit hazardous materials to be stored on 210 W Slauson Ave. He stated that he leased the property out to a construction company in February of 2019, and said that he never observed or was aware of a tanker being on the property at any time. Mr. Radosevic stated that the leasee paid the initial rental fee via money order in February 2019, and that he had not paid the rental fee for March 2019 as of yet. He stated that he's been trying to call/contact the leasee since Sunday, March 17 2019, but no one ever answered the phone, and there was never an option to leave a voicemail. Mr. Radosevic stated he has worked for Canon Properties for about 25 years. He said that he runs only credit checks and tax returns on potential property rentals, and no other forms of background checking. Toward the end of the interview, I asked Mr. Radosevic for some form of ID, and he refused to provide it to me.

At approximately 1430 hrs, WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong and I interviewed Mr. Byung Chun Choung, who works on 210 W Slauson Ave, parcel "B" (next to where leak/fire occurred in parcel A). We held the interview outside of a trailer he was working in, and he spoke broken English. Mr. Choung stated he had rented this property for 10-15 years, and renews lease every 3 years. He works during the day on painting projects, and stated that at that time, "business is slow." He was not present on the day of the fire/spill on March 17, 2019. He stated that about 3-4 weeks ago, he saw two empty containers (did not specify size) and a tanker trailer on the lot next to his (210 W Slauson Ave, parcel "A"). Mr. Choung stated that the parcel was empty six months ago, and the last business to operate there was a recycling business. He mentioned a "Mexican" who had a roofing business, and had tried to talk to him. Mr. Choung stated he saw an engine car/truck below the billboard near parcel "A," and that he had seen a white pickup truck on the property. He stated he'd heard the engine 1-2 times, but the truck never moved. He described the tanker as aluminum with no markings. He stated that in the past month, he had smelled a fuel/gas odor one to three times, any time a person "opened a hole" in the tanker. He said he had seen two "Mexicans" and two "black guys" on the property in the past month, and stated that he told them "this is dangerous, move it." He stated that the tanker sometimes got moved about one meter, then got moved back. He said he'd heard generator sounds all day and doesn't know what the generator is used for. Mr. Choung stated he hadn't seen any additional containers other than the ones he'd already described, and said he'd never seen cars drive in or out of the lot. He said he never saw the tanker leave the property. He stated that while he was painting on Friday, March 15, 2019, he had smelled a faint odor of gas at around 1500 hrs – 1600 hrs. He never reported anything he saw to anyone. He said in the past he had heard gunshots nearby and he had seen homeless encampments come and go in the area.

At approximately 1515 hrs, I left the scene, while WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong and the other people remained on scene.

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

At approximately 1305 hrs, WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong and I arrived at 210 W Slauson Ave to conduct interviews with residents of nearby homes. It was about 66 degrees Fahrenheit outside, and raining intermittently. CHES was on site, securing the property and remaining pollutants from the rain. A faint odor of fuel was present. WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong made contact with two individuals named Hugh Hensley and Jorge (did not provide a last name), and asked them for surveillance camera footage from a property behind 210 W Slauson Avenue. Jorge advised WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong to call an individual named Mr. Cornell Curtland for surveillance camera-related questions. A little later during a second conversation between Jorge and WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong, Jorge stated that the surveillance cameras store footage for 3-4 weeks at a time, and then records new footage over the old data.

At approximately 1325 hours, WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong and I began knocking on different nearby residence doors to conduct interviews. The W Slauson addresses of 202, 202 ½ and 202 ¾ did not answer their doors.

At 200 ½ W Slauson Ave, WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong made contact with an occupant named Mr. Elmer Franco, who only spoke Spanish. He stated to Wong in Spanish that he didn't know anything about the fire incident, and that he has two roommates.

At 200 W Slauson Ave, WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong and I made contact with Ms. Josephina Rios. She stated that she'd lived in that apartment for seven years. She said she was not at the apartment on 3/17/19, but her babysitter and two children were present. Ms. Rios stated that two weeks ago, around 0900 hrs – 0930 hrs, she witnessed "box trailers" coming onto the property of 210 W Slauson Ave. She stated she paid her rent via a wire transfer, and she did not have any information on her landlord.

At 5835 Inskeep Avenue (about 350 feet southeast of 210 W Slauson Ave), WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong and I made contact with individuals Mr. Kevin Moore and his nephew Mr. Anthony Moore. Kevin stated that he had been renting at 5835 Inskeep Ave for about a week, and that he didn't observe anything unusual before March 17, 2019. He stated that on March 17, 2019, in the morning, he saw a fire and "heard a boom." He stated he never witnessed any individuals on 210 W Slauson Ave. Anthony stated he had once witnessed a man climbing on top of a tanker at 210 W Slauson Ave.

At approximately 1400 hrs, I made contact with Mr. Nelson Cox of the American Red Cross, asking for information of all residents who were displaced from the fire. Mr. Cox stated that he'll check with his recovery manager, but that there may be a conflict regarding the privacy of those residents.

At approximately 1410 hrs, WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong and I made contact with Ms. Lakita Martin of 202 W Slauson Ave (bottom unit). She stated she'd lived at the unit for over one year, and her 22 year-old son named Lakee Tanner lives with her. She stated his

bedroom is along the side of the building, and it faces 210 W Slauson Ave. She told us that she smelled an odor of gas last week, and that she saw trucks going onto 210 W Slauson Ave on some nights. She stated Tanner has seen the tanker on 210 W Slauson Ave before. She said the last business she remembered operating on that property was a recycling business for plastics.

WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong and I left the site after this interview.

Thursday, March 21, 2019

On Thursday, March 21, 2019, at approximately 1100 hrs, I called Mr. Curtland regarding surveillance camera footage. He stated that I had to talk to Jorge about that. I replied that Jorge had told me to call him (Mr. Curtland) about the footage. Mr. Curtland said that I have to call Jorge, and that if I get any pushback from Jorge, that I should call Mr. Curtland back.

At approximately 1640 hrs, I received a call on my work cell phone from Mrs. Fatima Moore of 5835 Inskeep Avenue. Mrs. Moore was advised by American Red Cross to contact me should she wish to discuss anything about the March 17, 2019 spill/fire. Mrs. Moore stated she was a legal assistant and that her husband's name was Mr. Antwaun Moore. She said she was furious about the incident and that her mother-in-law passed away on March 9, 2019. Mrs. Moore said that she and her husband had seen the tank on the 210 W Slauson Ave property for about one and a half (1.5) months. She said two (2) months ago she could smell gas, and stated that her husband smelled gas during the day of March 9, 2019. She stated that two months ago, her cousin, Mr. Markee Solan of 5833 Inskeep Avenue, along with a few neighbors, went from "house to house" to try to determine the odor's source, but they did not go or talk to anyone at 210 W Slauson Ave. Mrs. Moore stated a family member named Dejean saw one person on top of tanker the night of March 16, 2019, but she couldn't describe the person. Mrs. Moore said on March 17, 2019, Mr. Solan told her that the property owners were four brothers, and that one of the four brothers 'wanted out' because of all the City compliance regulations that they'd have to follow. She stated three of the brothers stuck with the business but one pulled out. Mrs. Moore did not know any of the brothers' names. Mrs. Moore stated she did not report anything to anyone. She stated that the fencing at 210 W Slauson Ave is "illegal" and that it appeared to have been "made from garage parts." She stated her husband saw the tanker drive into 210 W Slauson Ave about three to four weeks ago. When I asked her to describe the tanker, she said it was a "City vehicle" with "either a City seal or City numbers on it." (We have not been able to confirm this.) Mrs. Moore stated she planned on getting an autopsy for her mother-in-law to see if the gas fumes contributed to her death. She said her mother-in-law was suffering a shortness of breath shortly before she died. Mrs. Moore said she planned on getting her children doctor appointments to make sure they were ok. She said her husband might have some photos of the tanker taken prior to March 17, 2019. I texted Mrs. Moore my City cell phone number and email address and asked her to tell her family to reach out to me if they wanted to tell me more. Mrs. Moore said she would email me the tanker photos her husband took. On March 25, 2019, I received Mrs. Moore's email, but it contained photos taken after the incident, not before.

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

On Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at approximately 1505 hrs, I called Jorge again regarding surveillance camera footage. He stated he didn't think any of his cameras faced the 210 W Slauson Ave lot, but that he'd check and get back with me.

Thursday March 28, 2019

On Thursday, March 28, 2019, at approximately 0630 hrs, I spoke to CHES Project Manager Javier Gabriel, who said the billboard that had burned near 210 W Slauson had been removed yesterday (March 27, 2019). Mr. Gabriel was waiting for approval from the customer to start the excavation of all contaminated soil on private property, but that but customer had not paid for any cleanup activity yet nor signed any paperwork.

At approximately 1205 hrs, Jorge texted me with a surveillance camera photo dated 3/28/19, 12:08pm (several days after the fire incident) with the message "sorry, nothing was captured."

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

On Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at approximately 0810 hrs, I contacted Jorge and Mr. Curtland regarding my request for surveillance camera footage for a specific time frame. Jorge texted my work cell phone, "Sorry nothing I can do at this point. The DVR deletes all footage within 20 days due to the amount of cameras and the DVR hard drive." I then spoke with Mr. Curtland over the phone, who confirmed Jorge's statement. Mr. Curtland then asked me for the property owner's information so he can get reimbursed for the $1,000.00 worth of fire damage to the roof of one building on his property. I informed him that it's an open criminal investigation but that I would discuss the issue with a supervisor. I asked WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong about this, and he advised that we can't give Mr. Curtland any property owner information, and that if he called again asking for the same information, to direct him to the LA City Clerk for a public records request.

Thursday, April 11, 2019

At approximately 0630 hrs, I spoke to Mr. Gabriel in person. He stated that CHES is having a meeting with the property manager regarding the asphalt/soil excavation at 210 W Slauson Ave. He stated that the property manager still hadn't paid CHES for any cleanups yet and that the property management company had lawyers.

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

At approximately 0730 hrs, using my work email, I emailed Mr. Galstyan at kgroadster@gmail.com. I identified myself and asked him to contact me via email or phone. At approximately 1330 hrs, I called his cell phone number (818-200-7660) and reached an automatic Verizon message that said "your call could not be completed because there are restrictions on this line," followed by the call disconnecting. At approximately 1335 hrs, I emailed him again, letting him know of my failed attempt to call him. As of Wednesday, February 12, 2020, I have not received any sort of reply from Mr. Galstyan.

Source/Responsible Party Summary

Based on my interviews and research of the incident source and responsible parties, I've determined that a MC-306/DOT-406 tanker (with an approximate 9,000 gallon capacity) approximately 3/4 full of a hazardous/flammable substance (gasoline) was illegally stored on residential property at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A. On Sunday, March 17, 2019, gasoline leaked out of the tanker, a fire erupted, and approximately 1,500 gallons of gasoline (mixed with water and fire retardant) was released onto the public right-of-way, some of which entered a storm drain. There was substantial property damage at and around the property, prompting evacuations, and two (2) individuals were injured as a result of the release and fire. Mr. Karlen Galstyan of KG Road Services is the primary responsible party, as he was the property renter at the time of the incident. Devore Scott Real Estate Trust, aka Devore and Devore, which includes brothers Scott and Edward Devore, is another responsible party as they are the owners of the property. Another potential responsible party is Canon Business Properties, Inc., of which Dylan Yves McCarthy and Alexander Radosevic were the incident location's Property Managers. According to interviews I conducted with nearby tenants and residents, the tanker had been on the property anywhere from 3-6 weeks prior to March 17, 2019, and three (3) of the individuals interviewed had detected an odor of fuel prior to the incident. While I was able to make contact with Property Managers Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Radosevic, I was not able to make contact with either of the Devore brothers (property owners). Despite my attempts to contact property renter Mr. Galstyan through phone and email, I have not heard back from him, and I have been unable to interview him.

HISTORICAL INVESTIGATION

The WPD database was queried for historical calls/investigations associated with 210 W Slauson Avenue in Los Angeles. No information was located.

SAMPLES/EVIDENCE

I obtained five hundred and twenty-one (521) photographs and one (1) video during the investigation.

On March 17, 2019, at approximately 1515 hrs, WPD ECI Tran with the assistance of CHES Environmental Technician Hernandez collected one storm drain sample at 66th St and Broadway before it got "flushed" by CHES, sample #MIT-031719-01
On March 17, 2019, at approximately 1900 hrs, WPD ECI Tran with the assistance of CHES Environmental Technician Hernandez, collected a second storm drain sample at 66th St and Broadway, after it got "flushed" by CHES, sample #MIT-031719-02
On March 17, 2019, at approximately 2230 hrs, WPD Lieutenant Eric Lee and WPD Officer Aaron Harris collected three source samples from the burnt 9,000-gallon tanker at 210 W Slauson Ave for an evidence hold; one of these samples was handed to CAFW. The two WPD samples were #EL-031719-01, container a, #EL-031719-01,

container b. The CAFW sample was #EL-031719-02.
On March 20, 2019, at approximately 1625 hrs, WPD Lt. Lee used a chemical identification analyzer (Thermo Scientific First Defender RMX brand) to probe the outside of one of his liquid source samples he collected from the tank at 210 W Slauson Ave. The result read "Gasoline" (see Figures 64 and 65).
On April 5, 2019, WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong dropped off sample numbers MIT-031719-01, MIT-031719-02, #EL-031719-01, container a and #EL-031719-01, container b with the Los Angeles County Public Health Laboratory for analysis at 1955 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601, for evidence holds.

On March 17, 2019, WPD ECI Tran conducted air monitoring using an RKI Eagle 2 monitor before and after the storm drain flushes:

Gas	Readings @1350 hrs Before flush	Readings @1515 hrs 30 mins after flush	Readings @ 1615 hrs After several flushes	Readings 2120 @ hrs After closing drains
CH_4 (*Methane Gas*)	75 ppm	145 ppm	15 ppm	10 ppm
O_2 (*Oxygen*)	20.9 %	20.9 %	20.9 %	20.9 %
H_2S (Hydrogen Sulfide)	0 ppm	0 ppm	0 ppm	0 ppm
CO (*Carbon Monoxide*)	0 ppm	0 ppm	0 ppm	0 ppm
IBL (*Isobutylene*)	51 ppm	54 ppm	14 ppm	4 ppm

On March 17, 2019, WPD Lt. Lee conducted air monitoring using an RKI Eagle 2 monitor:

Gas	Background readings @ **2225** hrs	Source/tanker readings @ **2230** hrs
CH_4	0% LEL	1% LEL
O_2	20.9%	20.9%
H_2S	0 ppm	0 ppm
CO	8ppm	8ppm
IBL	13ppm	13ppm
NH_3 (Ammonia)	3.5ppm	3.5ppm

MITIGATION/CLEANUP

Sunday, March 17, 2019

On Sunday, March 17, 2019, at approximately 1430 hrs, WPD ECI Tran and CHES planned to set containment of the spill via sandbags and booms in the storm drains for flushing, sample grabbing, and oil testing in the water.

At approximately 1610 hrs, a water flush occurred in the storm drain catch basins to the main line. The flush was led by WPD ECI Tran, with the help of CHES, CADW, LA Co. Hazmat

and Ocean Blue Environmental Services, Inc. A Vactor suction truck with up to 5,000 gallons of suction capacity was used. The suction source point was from Brentwood Street and W Slauson Ave from the west corner to the east corner. An additional flush occurred from the east corner of Brentwood St/W Slauson Ave to 66th St and Broadway. Approximately 1,500 gallons of a fuel/water mixture was collected from Brentwood St and W Slauson Ave.

Around 1700 hrs, the small fuel/water mixture along the curb of W Slauson Ave (between 210 W Slauson Ave and Broadway) was contained by CHES via absorbent and a pig/boom, right before the mixture reached the storm drain.

At approximately 1815 hrs, LAFD sprayed more retardant on the property of 210 W Slauson Ave due to the presence of a strong fuel odor emitting from the property.

At approximately 1825 hrs, a second flush of 2,800 gallons of water was initiated from the east corner of Brentwood St and W Slauson Ave all the way to 66th St and Broadway.

At approximately 1900 hrs, all storm drain flushes were completed. A total of approximately 5,000 gallons of a fuel/water mixture were collected by the Vactor truck, from the east corner of Brentwood St and W Slauson Ave all the way to 66th St and Broadway. The "oily water" mixture was manifested by Ocean Blue Environmental Services under Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest #008368351FLE.

From approximately 2200 hrs – 2215 hrs, WPD ECI Tran and CHES properly collected and disposed of all booms and sandbags from the catch basins, including those at the west side of 84th Place and Broadway (LA County jurisdiction).

At approximately 2200 hrs, a 25,000-gallon green roll-off bin arrived at 210 W Slauson Ave for containment and storage of all fuel-contaminated debris and soil.

At approximately 2215 hrs, CHES pressure-washed the contaminated street surface/curb near 210 W Slauson Ave, and the waste water was recovered by CHES. The EPA requested additional street cleaning, and absorbent was sued to pick up residual fuel from the street. A storage tank was brought to 210 W Slauson Ave to siphon the exposed fuel from the 9,000-gal tanker and store it in the storage tank. LAFD Unit E33 was on site to provide support during the fuel transfer process.

Clean Harbors Environmental Services manifested 2,000 pounds of "absorbent/oil/debris" and 250 gallons of "oil, water" under Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest #008368352FLE.

Cleanup continued on the private property through 2400h on 3/17/19, monitored by the EPA and LA Co. Health Hazmat.

Monday, March 18, 2019

On Monday, March 18, 2019, at approximately 0400 hrs, WPD Lt. Lee and WPD ECO Harris left 210 W Slauson Ave. The USEPA and LA Co. Health Hazmat remained on site to monitor the cleanup. Six (6) 55-gallon drums of liquid waste (fuel/water mixture) and four (4) 55-gallon drums of solid waste (fuel-contaminated debris) were stored on site.

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

To the best of my knowledge, CHES had been cleaning all private property at and around 210 W Slauson Ave through Tuesday, March 19, 2019. At approximately 1205 hrs, I was on site and observed absorbent all over the ground of 210 W Slauson Ave. A Green United Rentals storage box full of fuel-contaminated debris was also on the property. The burned out tanker, trailers and vehicle were all removed from the property prior to my arrival.

At approximately 1300 hrs, CHES was actively securing 210 W Slauson Ave for forecasted rainfall, using sandbags and plastic polythene sheeting (Visqueen) to prevent fuel-contaminated soil and grounds from contaminating the public right-of-way and storm drain catch basins.

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

On Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at approximately 0920 hrs, I spoke with CHES Project Manager Mr. Gabriel over the phone. Mr. Gabriel stated that his crew did not perform any additional cleanup activities at the incident location after Tuesday, March 19, 2019. He stated that CHES never performed any soil excavation. He said the last time CHES did anything at the incident location was on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, when his crew removed one metal bin from 210 W Slauson Ave.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. **MEDIA DRIVE**
2. **SDS SHEET – GASOLINE**
3. **CAL-OES REPORT**
4. **CHES & OCEAN BLUE UNIFORM HAZARDOUS WASTE MANIFESTS**
5. **CHES WORK ORDER**
6. **CHES LAB ANALYSIS**
7. **CHAIN OF CUSTODY COPIES**
8. **LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEVORE AND DEVORE & KARLEN GALSTYAN**
9. **LEASE APPLICATION OF KARLEN GALSTYAN**
10. **DMV & CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK RECORDS OF KARLEN GALSTYAN**
11. **DMV RECORD OF TRAILER WITH PLATE 4GE731**
12. **BYUNG CHUN CHONG ATTORNEY LETTER TO CAROLYN COOK**

PHOTOS (Note: not all photographs taken are included in this report.)

Figure #1.
Bird's eye/overhead view NavigateLA satellite map of incident at 210 W Slauson Ave, outlined and labeled in red. The incident occurred on "Parcel A" of the property, with the spill/fire beginning at the blue "X" and entering the storm drain catch basin (#55701461111100).
[Source: NavigateLA; edited by Cook on 1/15/20]

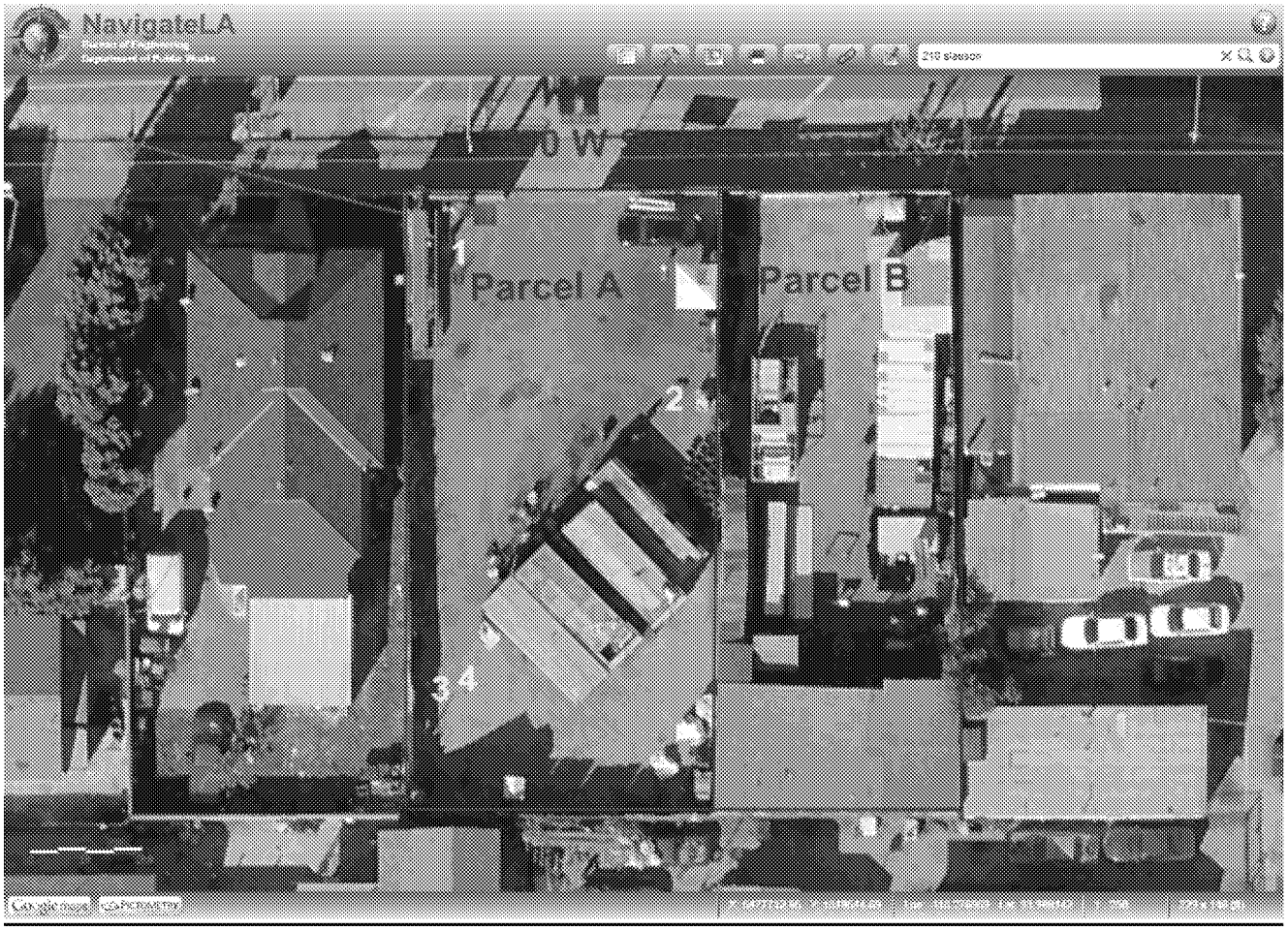

Figure #2.
Zoomed-in overhead view NavigateLA satellite map of incident at 210 W Slauson Ave, outlined and labeled in red. The incident occurred on "Parcel A" of the property, with relevant spots marked in yellow numbers:
1 = Area where fire-damaged vehicle and billboard were found
2 = Area where above-ground storage tank/"tanker" was found; fuel spill began here
3 = Area where one of two fire-damaged trailers were found
4 = Area where the second fire-damaged trailer was found
5 = Area where trailer belonging to Mr. Byung Chun Chuong was found
[Source: NavigateLA; edited by Cook on 1/15/20]

Figure #3.
Overhead view NavigateLA satellite map of property where incident originated, outlined in red. This map indicates that "Parcel A's" address is 210 W Slauson Ave, and "Parcel B's" address is 206 W Slauson Ave.
[Source: NavigateLA; edited by Cook on 1/15/20]

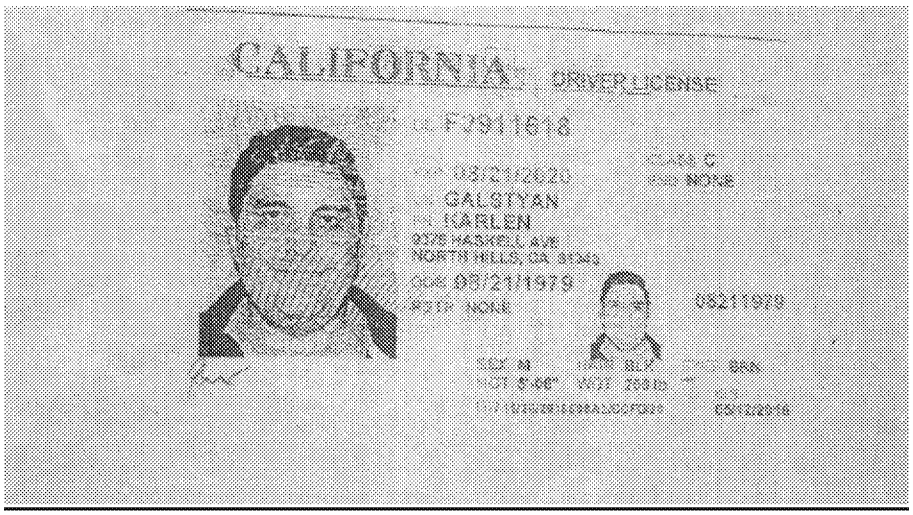

Figure #4.
Copy of driver license of property renter Karlen Galstyan, taken from his lease application.
[Received by Cook 3/20/19]

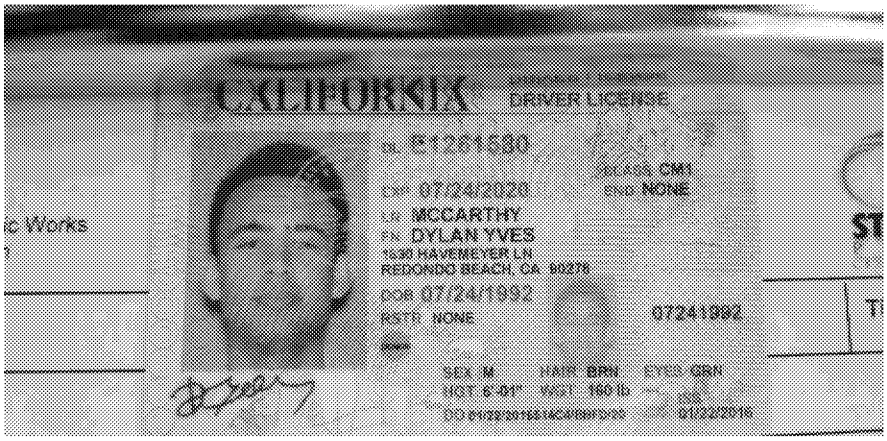

Figure #5.
Driver license of Property Manager Dylan Yves McCarthy.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

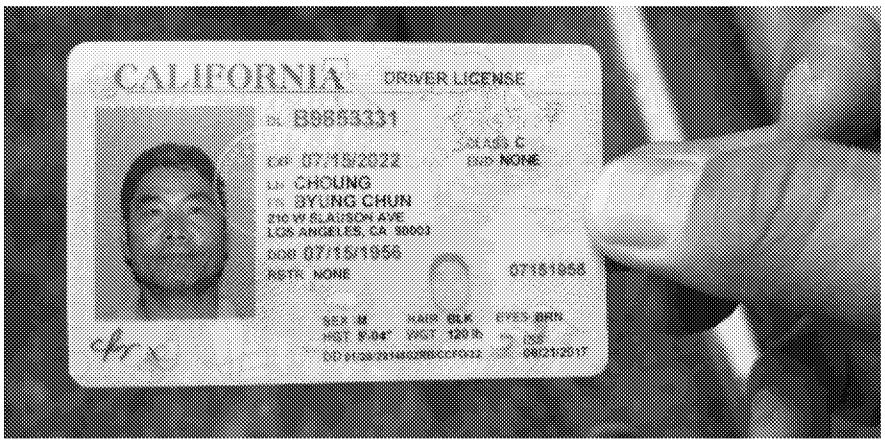

Figure #6.
Driver license of 210 W Slauson Ave tenant Byung Chun Chuong.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #7.
View facing east on Slauson Ave; scene of incident upon WPD's arrival. Incident location (210 W Slauson Ave) east of pictured red taco building, under the billboard.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

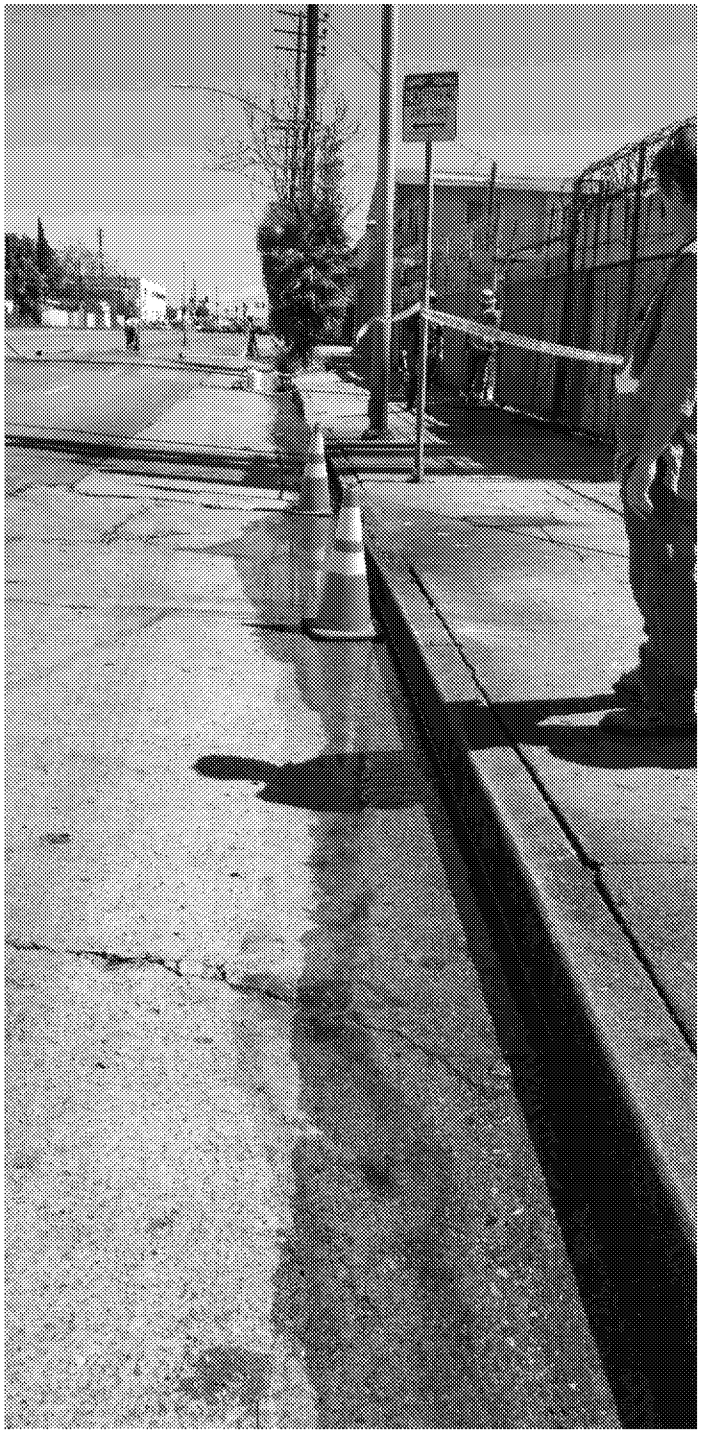

Figure #8.
View facing east on Slauson Ave; scene of incident upon WPD's arrival. Fuel & water mixture along public curb. Incident location (210 W Slauson Ave) is behind pictured LAFD firefighter.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #9.
View facing east on Slauson Ave; scene of incident upon WPD's arrival. Fuel & water mixture along public curb discharging into storm drain catch basin ##55701461111100. Incident location (210 W Slauson Ave) is adjacent to pictured yellow caution tape.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

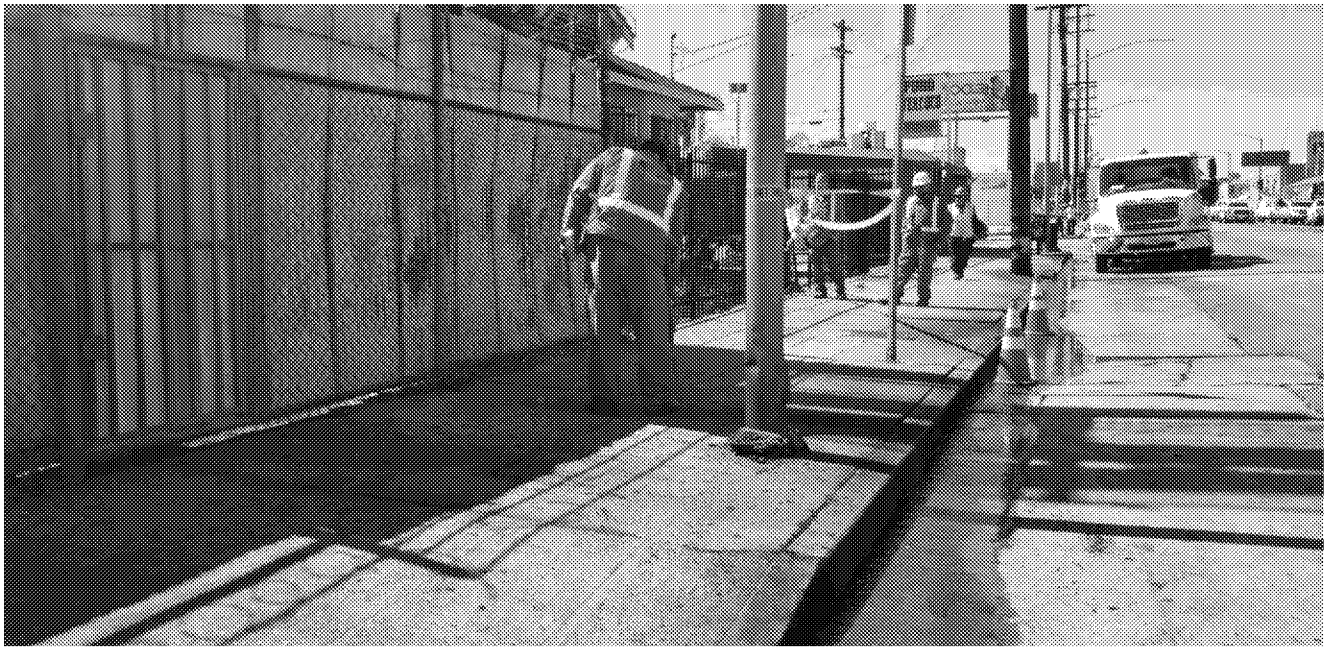

Figure #10.
View facing west on Slauson Ave. Fuel & water mixture along public curb. Incident location (210 W Slauson Ave) is behind pictured metal fencing.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

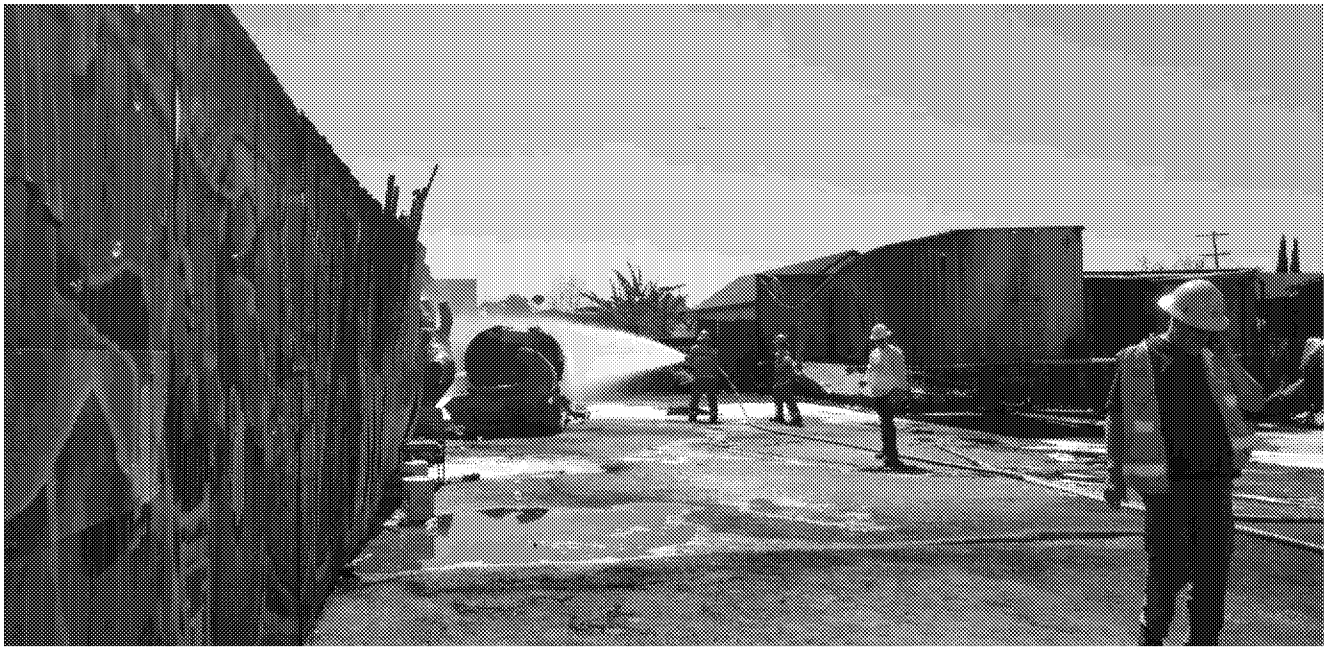

Figure #11.
View facing south at incident location 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with LAFD firefighter hosing down fire-damaged "tanker" full of fuel. Ground pooling is likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant. Also pictured: fire-damaged fencing and fire-damaged trailer.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #12.
View facing southwest at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with fire-damaged "tanker," two fire-damaged trailers, fire-damaged fencing, and fire-damaged home 216 W Slauson Ave. Ground pooling is likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #13.
View facing west at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with fire-damaged fencing, fire-damaged vehicle, fire-damaged billboard supports, and fire-damaged home 216 W Slauson Ave. Ground pooling is likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #14.
View facing west at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with fire-damaged fencing, fire-damaged vehicle, fire-damaged billboard, and fire-damaged home 216 W Slauson Ave. Ground pooling is likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #15.
View facing northwest at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with fire-damaged fencing, fire-damaged vehicle, fire-damaged billboard supports, and fire-damaged home 216 W Slauson Ave. Ground pooling is likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
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Figure #16.
View facing north at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with fire-damaged fencing pictured. Ground pooling is likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
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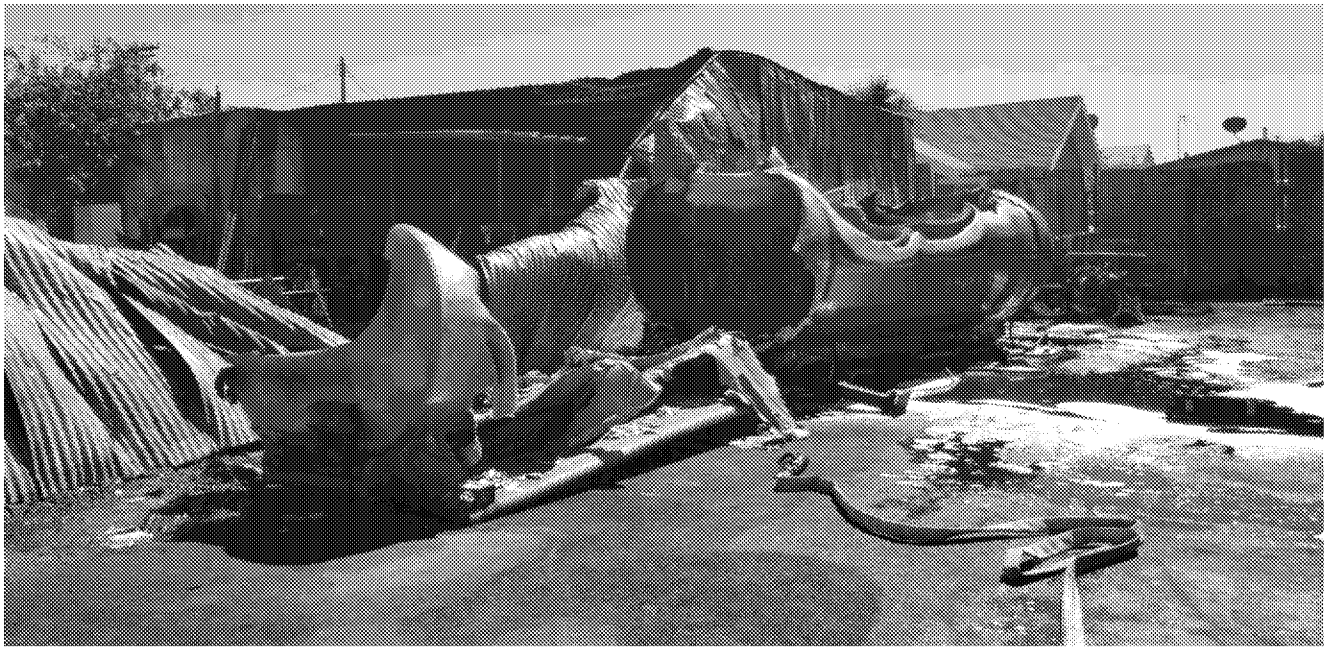

Figure #17.
View facing southeast at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, looking into Parcel B behind fire-damaged fencing. Entirety of fire-damaged "tanker" pictured. Ground pooling is likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #18.
View facing northeast at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with fire-damaged "tanker" and fire-damaged wheels-and-axles component. Ground pooling is likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #19.
View facing south at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A. Front component of heavily fire-damaged "tanker" pictured.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #20.
View facing southeast at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A. Front component of heavily fire-damaged "tanker" with likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant inside. Fire-damaged fencing pictured in background.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #21.
View facing northeast at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A. Side view of fire-damaged "tanker." Ground pooling is likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant. Fire-damaged fencing pictured in background.
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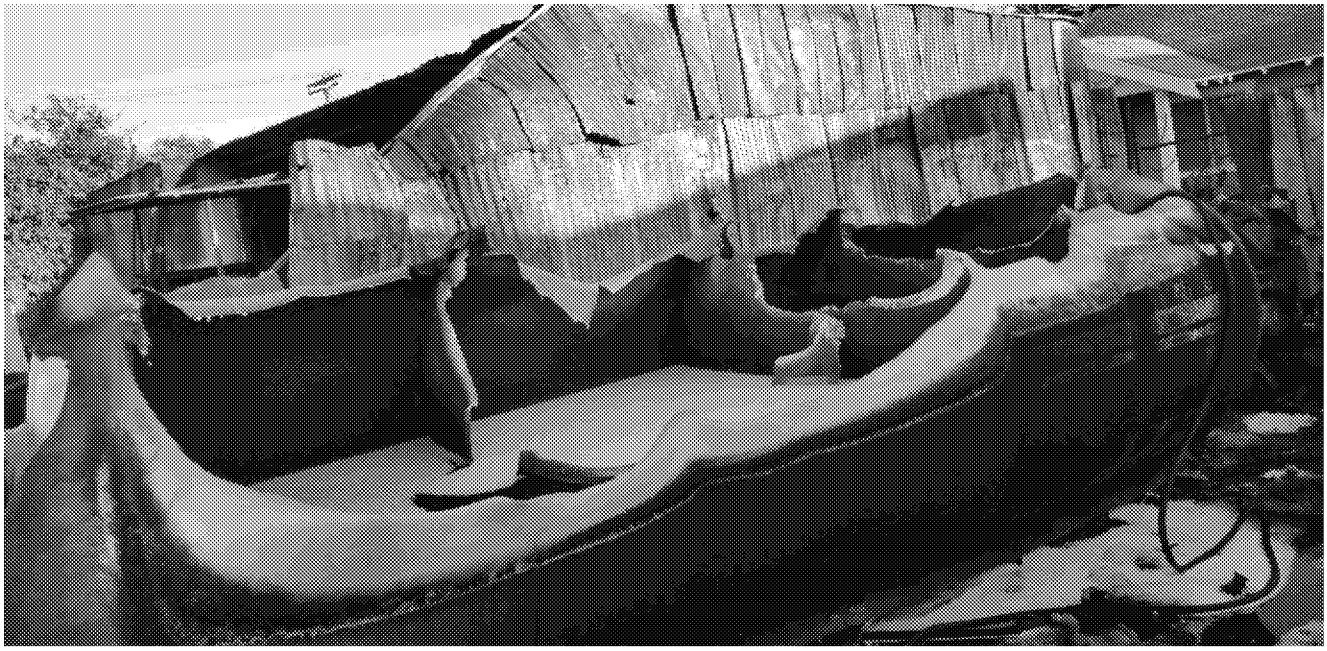

Figure #22.
View facing southeast at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A. Side view of fire-damaged "tanker" with fuel and fire retardant inside.
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Figure #23.
View facing east at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A. Close-up view inside of fire-damaged "tanker."
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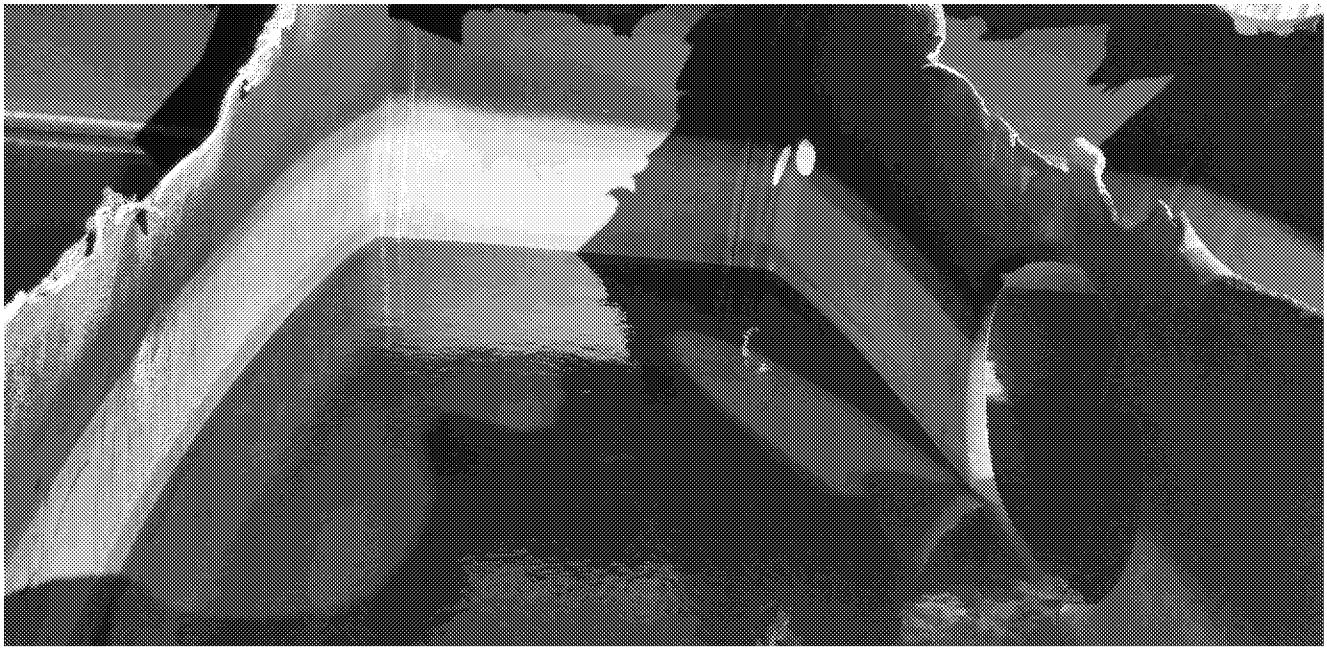

Figure #24.
Downward view inside of fire-damaged "tanker" on 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #25.
View facing east at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A. Side markings on the rear end of fire-damaged "tanker."
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #26.
View facing southeast at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with fire-damaged "tanker" and fire-damaged wheels-and-axles component. Ground pooling is likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #27.
View facing east at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with fire-damaged wheels-and-axles component.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #28.
View facing northwest at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with fire-damaged wheels-and-axles component and fire-damaged "tanker." Ground pooling likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #29.
View facing north at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with fire-damaged "tanker" and fire-damaged fencing separating Parcel A from Parcel B. Ground pooling likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
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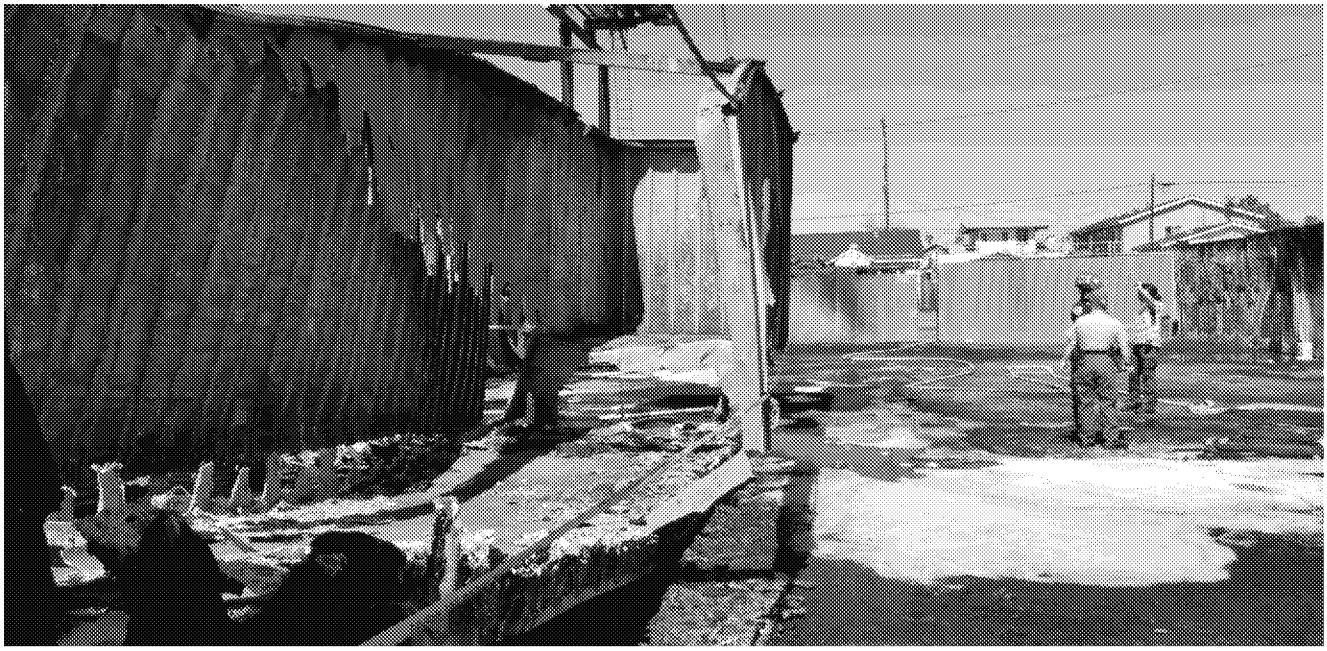

Figure #30.
View facing north at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with a fire-damaged trailer. Ground pooling likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #31.
Close-up view of license plate of same trailer pictured in Figure 25, 4GE2731.
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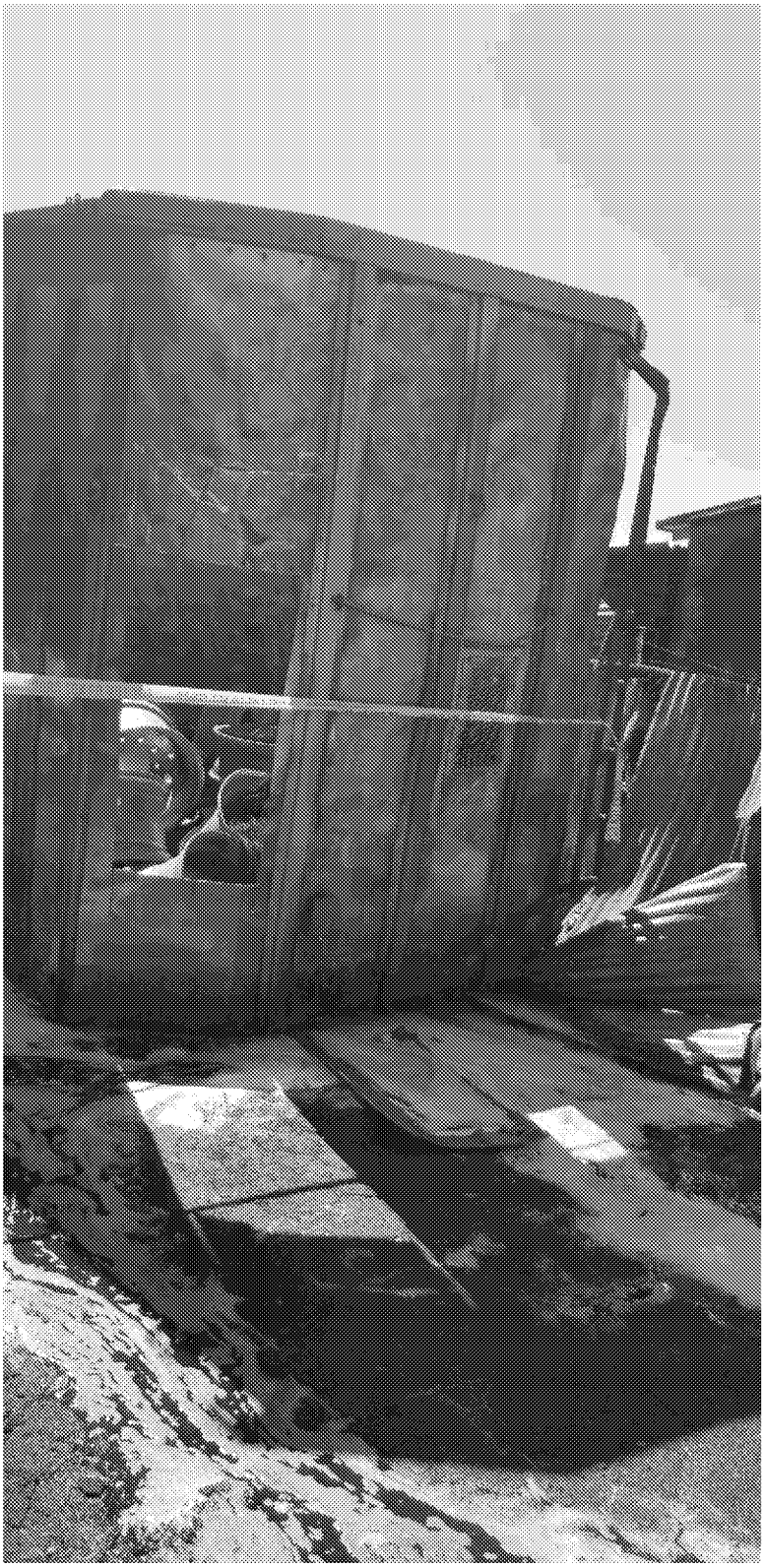

Figure #32.
View facing southwest at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with a second fire-damaged trailer. Ground pooling likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
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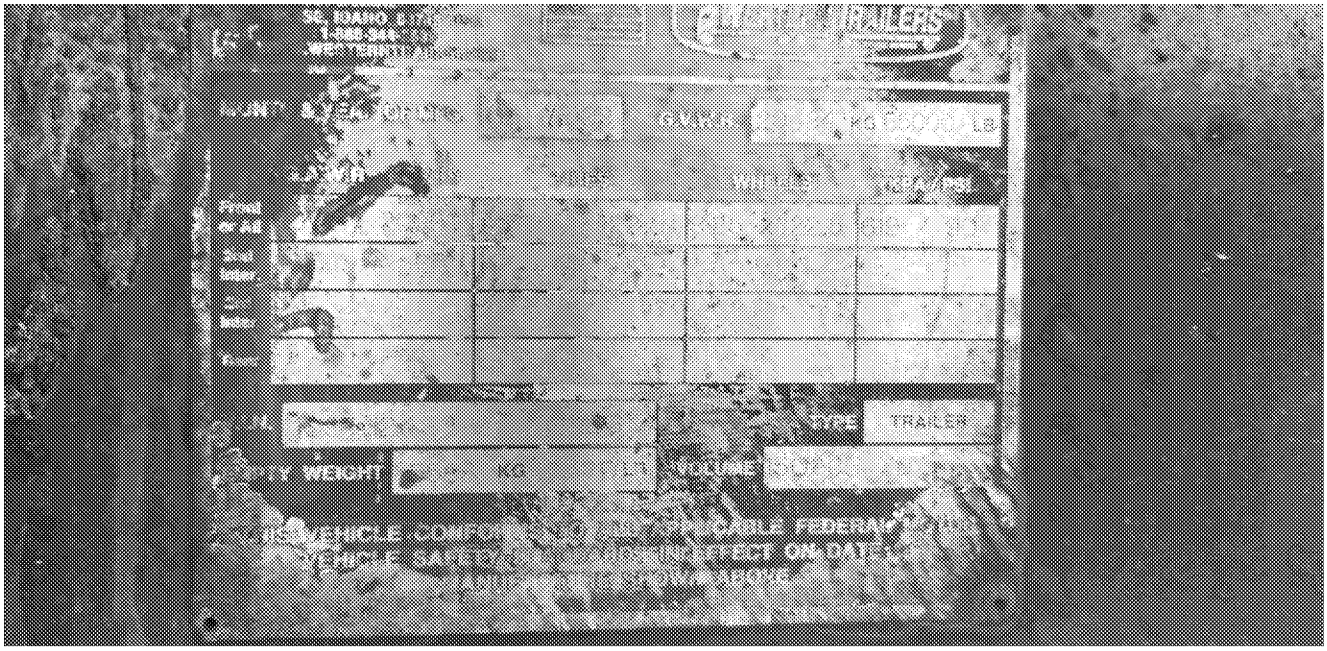

Figure #33.
Close-up view of fire-damaged information plate of same trailer pictured in Figure 27.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #34.
View facing south at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, inside the fire-damaged trailer pictured in Figure 27.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #35.
View facing northwest at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with a fire-damaged vehicle. Ground pooling likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #36.
View facing west at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with fire-damaged documents on vehicle pictured in Figure 30.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

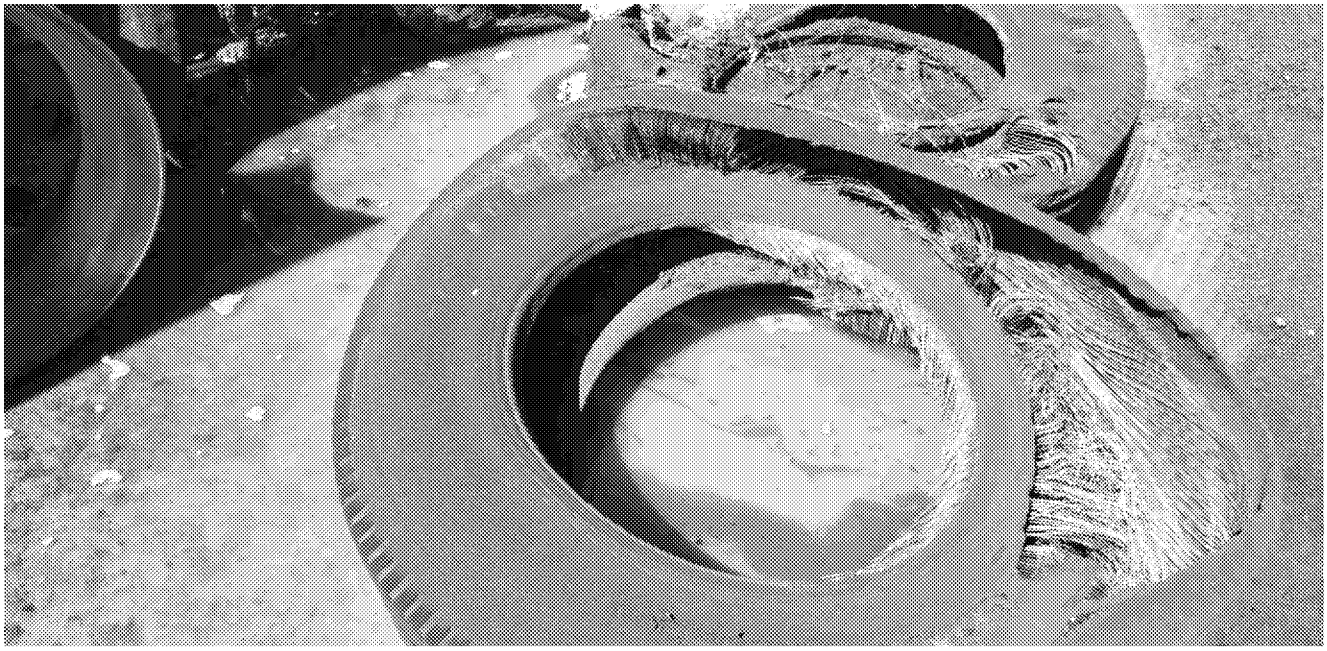

Figure #37.
Downward view of fire-damaged tires and ground near vehicle pictured in Figure 30. Ground pooling likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #38.
View facing southwest at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel B, with a fire-damaged vehicle.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #39.
View facing north at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel B, with fire-damaged fencing. Tenant Bryan Chun Choung's white trailer pictured on the right side of photo.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #40.
View facing northwest at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel B, looking into Parcel A, with fire-damaged fencing that separated the two parcels.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #41.
View facing southeast at 216 W Slauson Ave, with fire-damaged wood on the ground. Red notice taped on door states "Unsafe, do not enter or occupy by order of the City of Los Angeles," in English and Spanish.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #42.
View facing north at 216 W Slauson Ave, with fire-damaged fencing, walls and appliances pictured. Incident location 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, is located next to this home (east of it). Ground pooling is likely a mixture of fuel, water and fire retardant.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #43.
View facing northeast at 6520 S Broadway near W 66th St. CHES Project Manager Martinez preparing a "pig" absorbent boom for placement inside storm drain #55705466161011.
[Photo by Tran 3/17/19]

Figure #44.
Close-up view of pre-flush sample #MIT-031719-01, taken from storm drain at W 66th St and Broadway
[Photo by Tran 3/17/19]

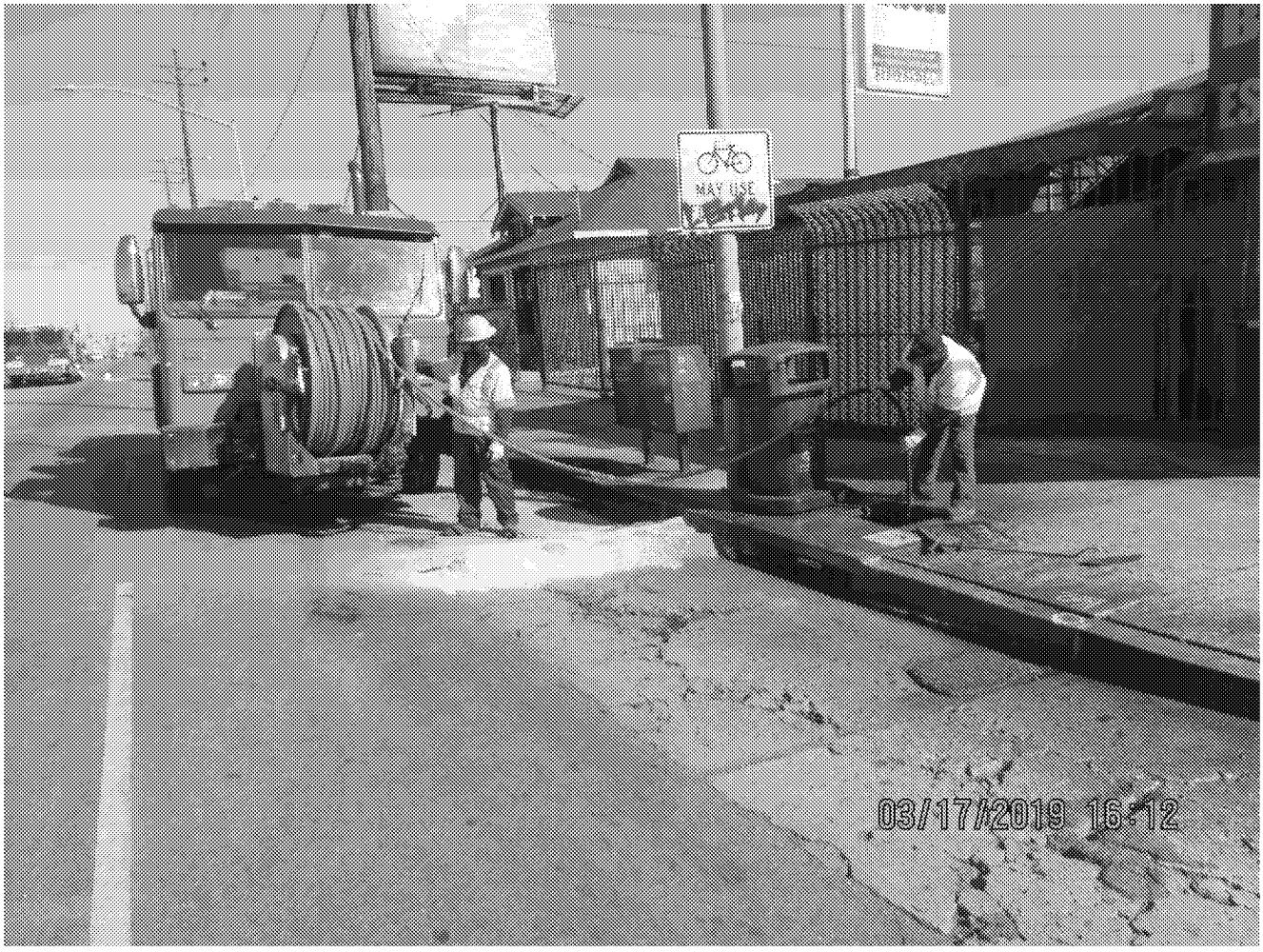

Figure #45.
View facing east along W Slauson Ave at storm drain catch basin #55701461111100. Blue Vactor brand catch basin cleaner truck and hose is flushing out the storm drain with water. White absorbent barrier pictured on road next to catch basin.
[Photo by Tran 3/17/19]

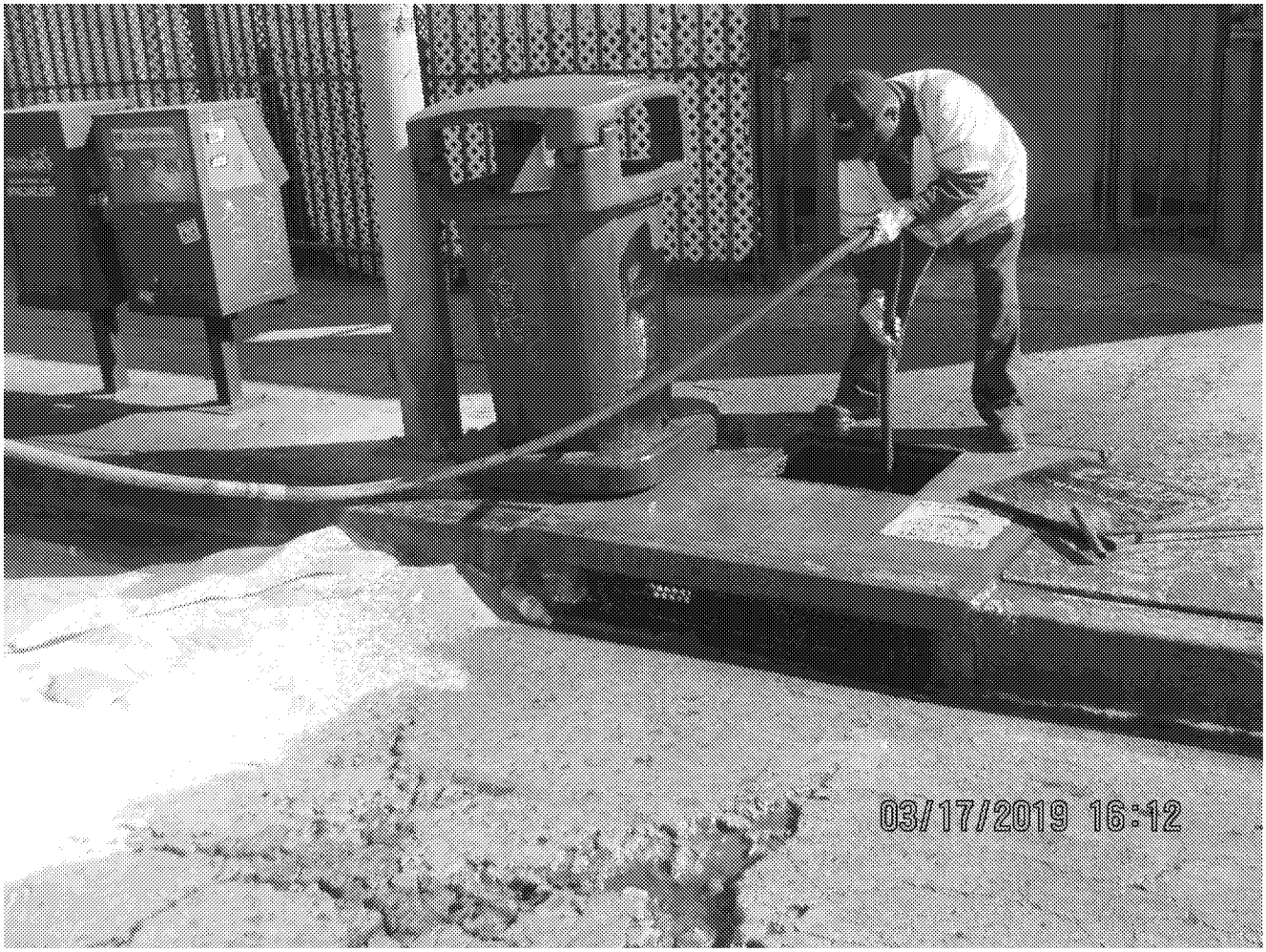

Figure #46.
View facing southeast along W Slauson Ave at storm drain catch basin #55701461111100. Closer view of storm drain getting flushed with water. White absorbent barrier pictured on road next to catch basin.
[Photo by Tran 3/17/19]

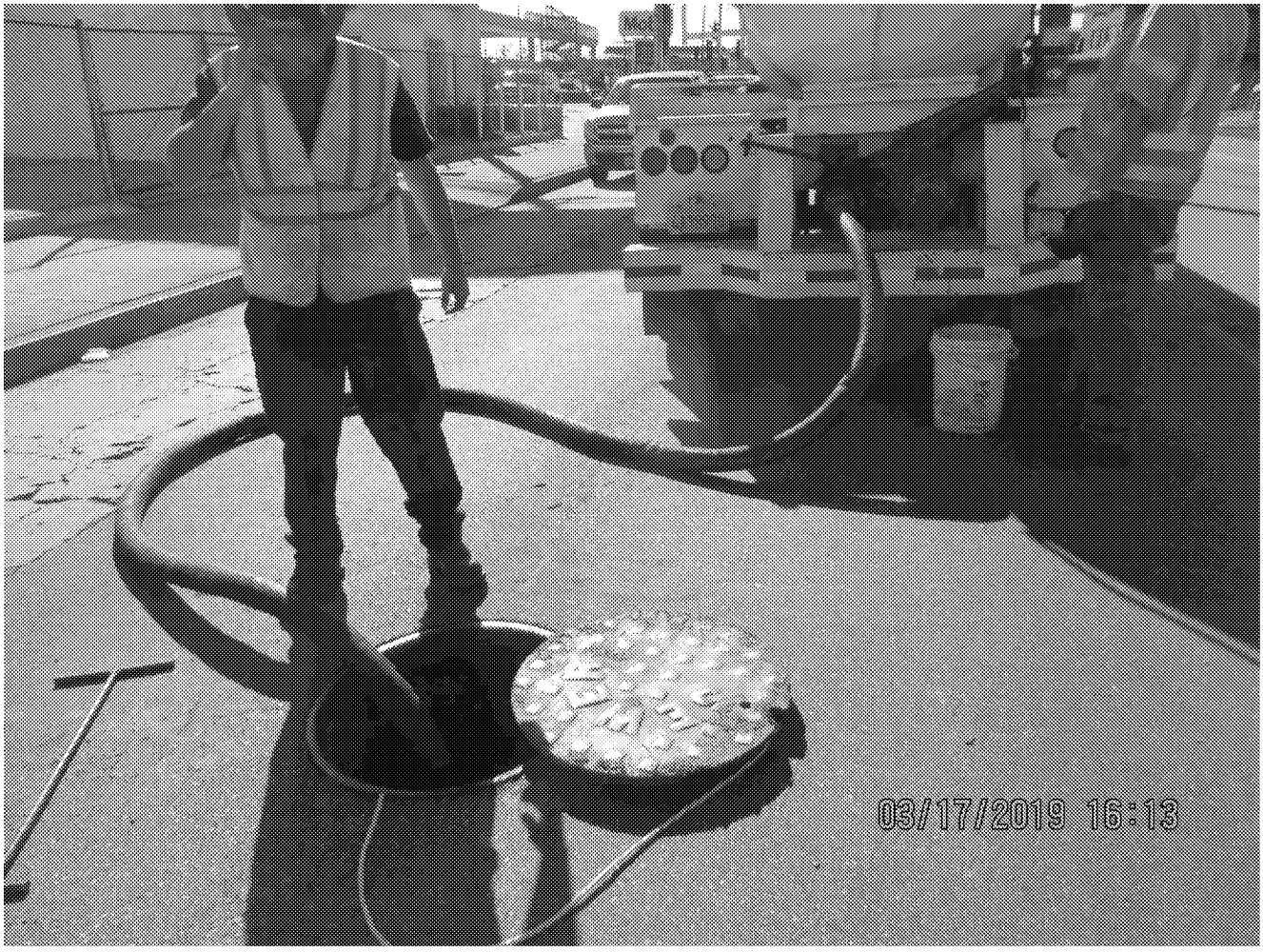

Figure #47.
View facing west along W Slauson Ave at a sewer line getting cleaned by LA County Department of Public Works.
[Photo by Tran 3/17/19]

Figure #48.
View facing north along Broadway near W 66th St. CHES Project Manager Martinez and other CHES Environmental Technicians vacuuming out the flushed water/fuel mixture from storm drain #55705466161011.
[Photo by Tran 3/17/19]

Figure #49.
Downward view inside storm drain #55705466161011 as the fuel/water mixture inside is getting vacuumed by CHES. Also pictured inside the storm drain are booms and barriers placed by CHES.
[Photo by Tran 3/17/19]

Figure #50.
Downward view inside storm drain #55705466161011 at the end of the storm drain flush operation. CHES Environmental Technician pictured inside the storm drain removing the booms and barriers.
[Photo by Tran 3/17/19]

Figure #51.
Close-up view of pre-flush and post-flush samples #MIT-031719-01 and #MIT-031719-02, taken from storm drain at W 66th St and Broadway
[Photo by Tran 3/17/19]

Figure #52.
View facing east along W Slauson Ave at storm drain catch basin #55701461111100 after storm drain flush operation completed. Absorbent and (likely) fuel/water/fire retardant mixture pictured was cleaned by CHES after my departure from the site on March 17, 2019.
[Photo by Cook 3/17/19]

Figure #53.
Day after the incident. View facing southeast at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, after removal of "tanker." White substance is absorbent placed on ground by CHES.
[Photo by Cook 3/19/19]

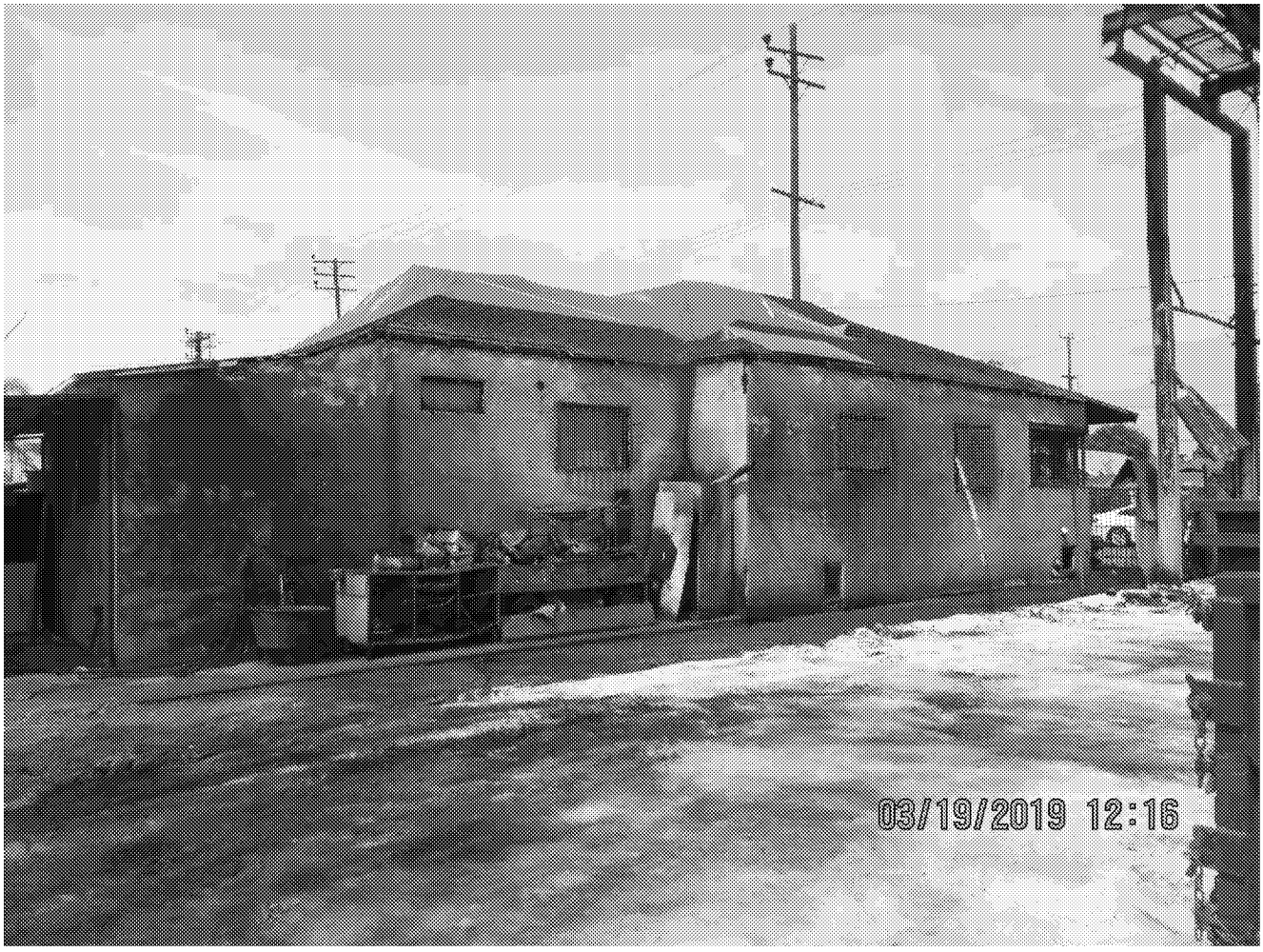

Figure #54.
View facing northwest of home at 216 W Slauson Ave, the day after the incident. White substance is absorbent placed on ground by CHES.
[Photo by Cook 3/19/19]

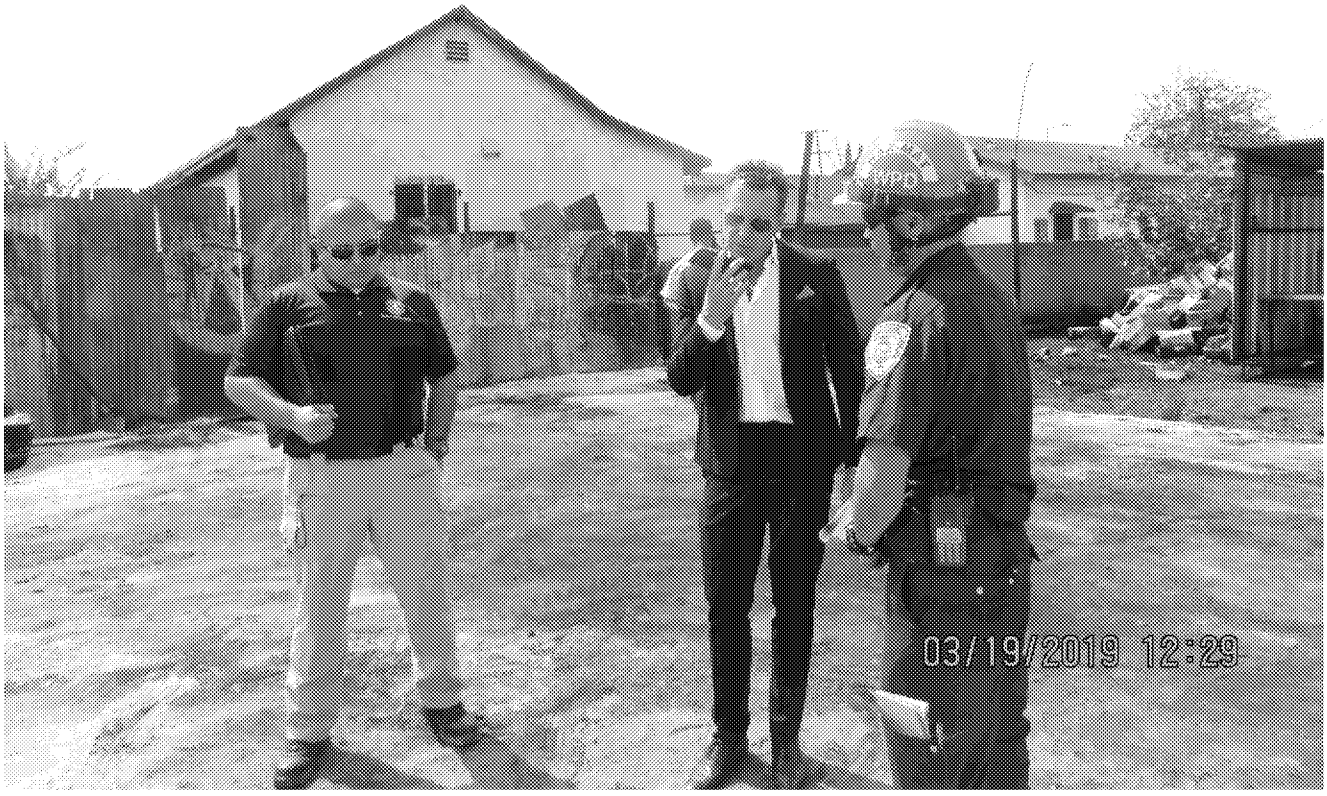

Figure #55.
View facing southwest at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A. Pictured from left to right is DOT Hazmat Investigator Gonzalez, Property Manager Alexander Radosevic and WPD Assistant Chief ECO Wong.
[Photo by Cook 3/19/19]

Figure #56.
View facing south at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, with a USEPA air monitor attached to the fence.
[Photo by Cook 3/19/19]

Figure #57.
View facing southeast of locked property at 216 W Slauson Ave with fire-damaged wood on the ground. Red notice taped on home door states "Unsafe, do not enter or occupy by order of the City of Los Angeles," in English and Spanish.
[Photo by Cook 3/19/19]

Figure #58.
View facing northwest at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A, two days after the incident. CHES and their vehicles and equipment on site.
[Photo by Cook 3/20/19]

Figure #59.
View facing northeast at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A. Rainfall event occurring in photo. CHES Environmental Technicians pictured barricading the property with sand bags and booms for pollution containment from discharging to the public right-of-way.
[Photo by Cook 3/20/19]

Figure #60.
View facing northwest at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel B. Rainfall event occurring in photo. Sandbags placed on ground by CHES. Portions of fire-damaged fencing separating Parcel A from Parcel B removed by CHES.
[Photo by Cook 3/20/19]

Figure #61.
View facing northwest at backyard property of 216 W Slauson Ave. Rainfall event occurring in photo. Sandbags and polyethylene plastic sheeting (also known as "visqueen") placed on ground by CHES to contain pollutants from discharging to the public right-of-way. Portions of fire-damaged fencing separating Parcel A from Parcel B removed by CHES.
[Photo by Cook 3/20/19]

Figure #62.
View facing west at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A. Rainfall event occurring in photo. Sandbags and polyethylene plastic sheeting (also known as "visqueen") placed on ground by CHES to contain pollutants from discharging to the public right-of-way.
[Photo by Cook 3/20/19]

Figure #63.
View facing south at 210 W Slauson Ave, Parcel A. Rainfall event occurring in photo. Sandbags and polyethylene plastic sheeting (also known as "visqueen") placed on ground by CHES to contain pollutants from discharging to the public right-of-way.
[Photo by Cook 3/20/19]

Figure #64.
Chemical identification analyzer (Thermo Scientific First Defender RMX brand) probing a source sample taken by WPD Lt. Lee from inside the "tanker" on March 17, 2019.
[Photo by Lee 3/20/19]

Figure #65.
Chemical identification analyzer (Thermo Scientific First Defender RMX brand) identifying the source sample taken by WPD Lt. Lee from inside the "tanker" on March 17, 2019 as "Gasoline."
[Photo by Lee 3/20/19]

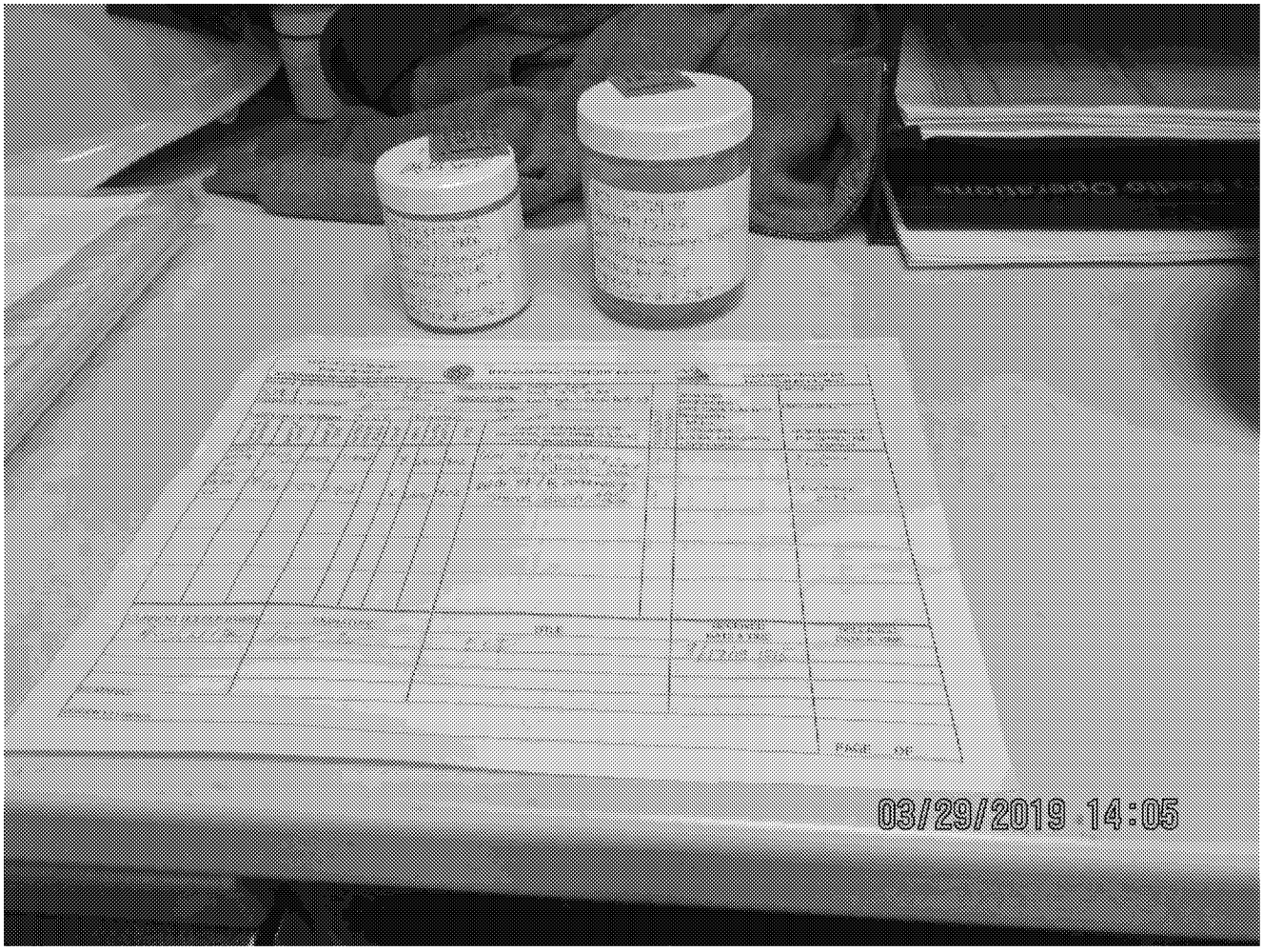

Figure #66.
Labeled and sealed storm drain samples #MIT-031719-01 and #MIT-03171902 along with chain of custody form for the two samples.
[Photo by Cook 3/29/19]

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