



Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	04/18/2022	
Media Program:	Air	
Regulatory Program(s)	SIP, Title V	
Company Name:	Ergon St. James, Inc.	
Facility Name:	Vacherie Plant	
Facility Physical Location:	7405 Highway 18	
(city, state, zip code)	St. James, LA, 70086	
County/Parish:	St. James Parish	
Facility Phone Number	(225) 265-8020	
Facility Contact:	Steve Clark	Environmental Engineer
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FRS Number:	110006178377	
Identification/Permit Number:	LDEQ Agency Interest Number 23943	
Media Identifier Number:	AFS # 22-093-00049	
NAICS:	424710	
SIC:	5171	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
James Haynes	EPA Region 6, Air Toxics Enforcement	Physical Scientist
Shane Rougee	Ergon – St. James, Inc.	Facility Manager
Jason Rome	Ergon – St. James, Inc.	Assistant Manager
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date	 James Haynes	6/29/2022 Date
Supervisor Signature/Date	 James Leathers	 Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION**PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION**

I, James Haynes, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) Region 6 inspector, arrived at the Ergon St. James, Inc. (“Ergon”) Vacherie Plant in St. James Parish on April 18, 2022, to conduct an unannounced Clean Air Act (“CAA”) inspection. Mr. Haynes met with Ergon representatives Mr. Shane Rougee, Facility Manager, and Mr. Jason Rome, Assistant Manager. I presented my inspector credentials to Mr. Rougee and notified him of my intent to conduct a CAA Partial Compliance Evaluation (“PCE”). This inspection occurred as part of the Administrator’s Multi-Scale Monitoring Project called the Pollution Accountability Team.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

The Vacherie Plant operates as a petroleum bulk storage terminal that stores and distributes crude oil. The site receives crude oil via ship, and transfers crude out of the facility by ship, barge, or pipeline.

Section II – OBSERVATIONS

I notified Mr. Rougee and Mr. Rome of my intent to conduct a CAA PCE in response to potentially elevated readings GMAP recorded by the EPA’s Geospatial Measurement of Air Pollution vehicle on April 16, 2022. Mr. Rougee provided me with an overview of the site operations and current conditions. I indicated that I would be using a FLIR OGI Model GF320 during the site inspection to survey several storage vessels. Using the OGI camera, I conducted surveys from the platform at two external floating roof (“EFR”) storage vessels, Tanks 1 and 4, and at perimeter vents at one internal floating roof (“IFR”) storage vessel. I did not observe any hydrocarbon emissions with the FLIR during the surveys.

I returned to the office to collect some records from Mr. Rougee regarding the EFR and IFR tanks. At around 11:50 AM, I conducted a closing conference with Mr. Rougee and Mr. Rome and exited the Vacherie Plant.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

During the closing meeting, I did not note any areas of concern.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

No additional information was received by EPA after exiting the Facility on April 18, 2022.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

N/A