

INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Entry Date/Time	07/24/2023 08:50 AM (AKT)	Announced: No	
Inspection Exit Date/Time	07/24/2023 11:26 AM (AKT)	Access: Granted	
Regulatory Program	RCRA		
Type of Inspection	Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI)		
Company Name	Walmart, Inc.		
Facility or Site Name	Walmart Supercenter #2071		
Facility/Site Identifier	AKR000002782		
Facility/Site Physical Address	8900 Old Seward Hwy		
City, State, Zip Code	Anchorage, AK 99515		
County/Borough	Anchorage Borough		
Generator Status	Very Small Quantity Generator		
NAICS	452311		
Type of Operation	Club Warehouse and Supercenters		
Geographic Coordinates	61.139794, -149.864105		
Mailing Address/Secondary Address	Ms. Helena Burkett, Store #2071 Manager hburke.s02071.us@wal-mart.com 8900 Old Seward Hwy Anchorage, AK 99515 CC: John Sokolsky, Senior Manager II, Specialty Compliance and Ethics john.sokolsky@walmart.com		
City, State, Zip Code	Anchorage, AK 99515		
Permit Number (If Applicable)	Not Applicable		
Lead Inspector:			
Jon Jones	JONATHAN JONES	Digitally signed by JONATHAN JONES Date: 2023.08.09 15:03:12 -08'00'	
	EPA Region 10	Jones.Jon@epa.gov	(907) 271-6329
Supervisor Review:			
Matt Quarterman	MATTHEW QUARTERMAN	Digitally signed by MATTHEW QUARTERMAN Date: 2023.08.14 15:22:36 -07'00'	
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SECTION I – INTRODUCTION

Site Entry and Purpose of the Inspection

Type of inspection: Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI)

EPA Region 10 Lead Inspector, Jon Jones, arrived at the Walmart Supercenter #2071 Facility (the “Site” or “Facility”), located at 8900 Old Seward Hwy, Anchorage, AK 99515, at 08:50 AM (AKT) on 07/24/2023 for an

unannounced inspection. EPA Region 10 Lead Inspector presented credentials to and informed Erwin Gagaring that this was an EPA Region 10 inspection to determine compliance with Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

The facility was inspected to ensure compliance with standards for hazardous waste generators and universal waste management (40 C.F.R. Part 262 through 273). The inspection was conducted as part of a Core Program requirement for FY 2023.

This report is based on information supplied by Walmart Supercenter #2071 Facility representatives, observations made by the EPA Region 10 inspector, and records and reports maintained by the facility and its HQ including, but not limited to: direct observations made by the EPA Region 10 Inspector(s), photographs taken by EPA Region 10 inspector(s), physical evidence collected by the EPA REGION 10 inspector(s), measurements or samples taken by EPA Region 10 inspector(s), verbal or written statements made by information supplied by the facility representatives during or subsequent to the on-site Inspection, and materials, processes, data, photographs, or documents shown, demonstrated, or submitted to the EPA Region 10 inspector(s) by the facility representatives during or subsequent to the on-site Inspection. In addition, information gathered prior to or subsequent to the Inspection from a review of USEPA, State, and public records may be included in this report.

Attendees

Title/Organization	Name	Phone	Email	Opening Conf.	Closing Conf.
Lead Inspector/EPA REGION 10	Jon Jones	(907) 271-6329	Jones.Jon@epa.gov	Yes	Yes
RCRA Inspector-in-training/ADEC	Vanessa Schmidt		vanessa.schmidt@alaska.gov	Yes	Yes
Store Manager/Walmart, Inc.	Helena Burkett		hburke.s02071.us@wal-mart.com	No	Yes
Asset Protection Team Lead/Walmart, Inc.	Lancelot Doiel		lwdoiel.s02071@us.stores.wal-mart.com	Yes	No
Coach/Walmart, Inc.	Amalia Try		actry.s02071.us@wal-mart.com	Yes	Yes
Food Consumable Coach/Walmart, Inc.	Erwin Gagaring	(907) 344-5300	ebgagar.s02071.us@wal-mart.com	Yes	No
RCRA Inspector-in-training/ADEC	Alan Pefley		alan.pefley@alaska.gov	Yes	Yes
RCRA Inspector-in-training/ADEC	Grace Tapulgo		grace.tapulgo@alaska.gov	Yes	Yes

Opening Conference

Shortly after arriving at Walmart Supercenter #2071, we were met by Mr. Erwin Gagaring, Food Consumable Coach and taken to the facility breakroom where I held the opening conference.

During the opening conference, I explained that the focus of the RCRA inspection was to identify types of wastes generated, points of waste generation, methods of waste management, and review relevant documents.

Only those areas in which we observed potential compliance concerns or noted other pertinent issues are discussed in Section III of this inspection report.

Facility/Site Information

Number of employees	352
Length of Facility at Location	30 years
Operating Hours	6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday
Safety Training Provided to Inspector(s)?	No
Size of Facility	~194,454 sq. Ft.
What type of generator facility notified?	Small Quantity Generator (SQG)
What type of generator facility verified as?	Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) verified by Mr. Lancelot Doiel, Asset Protection Team Lead.

Process Description

During the opening conference, Mr. Gagaring told us the wastes generated at the facility were generated either due to product being damaged as it enters the store through receiving, damaged on the shelf at the store, or customer returns that cannot be resold.

We were accompanied during the inspection by Mr. Gagaring, Ms. Amalia Try, Coach and Mr. Lancelot Doiel, Asset Protection Team Lead. We looked at the facility's processes, hazardous waste management practices, generation points, and accumulation areas. We looked for wastes that facility representatives had not yet identified or designated as hazardous.

Building(s)

Building/Area/Sub-area	Process Description	Area of Concern
Walmart Supercenter		Yes
Claims	CAA	No
Claims Office	Accumulation area for waste fluorescent lamps	No
Jewelry Department	Button style lithium battery's	Yes
Pharmacy	HWPharms	No

SECTION II – OBSERVATIONS

Building: Walmart Supercenter/Jewelry Department			
Observation #: JJ1-OB-003	Date: 07/24/2023	Contains AOC: Yes	Contains CBI: No
Person Interviewed: Amalia Try		Title: Coach	
We went to the Jewelry Department to inspect the waste batteries being accumulated there. At the time of the inspection, we saw a small cardboard box containing waste batteries. The batteries were the button style lithium batteries. The container was not labeled with either the phrase “Universal Waste-Batteries,” “Waste Batteries,” or “Used Batteries.” The container was also dated 7/10/22 which indicated that the waste batteries			

had been in accumulation for greater than a year. I verified through facility personnel that the waste batteries were being managed as universal waste.

Photo(s)

1. [IMG-2023072409481348132659675.jpg](#)
2. [IMG-2023072409482048202850069.jpg](#)
3. [IMG-2023072409482748272737389.jpg](#)
4. [IMG-2023072409483848382649451.jpg](#)

SECTION III – RECORDS REVIEW

The facility was a VSQG at the time of the inspection, as verified by facility personnel and a review of the facility's waste disposal records.

SECTION IV – AREA OF CONCERN

The presentation of Area(s) of Concern does not constitute a formal compliance determination or violation.

Building: Walmart Supercenter	Area: Jewelry Department	Sub-area:
JJ1-OB-003		
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SECTION V – CLOSING CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW UP**Closing Conference**

At the conclusion of the inspection, I conducted a closing conference that was attended by those listed in the Attendees table, in Section I of this report. I thanked everyone for their time and cooperation during the inspection and began a review of the areas of concern (listed in Section III – Areas of Concern) that I observed during my inspection of the facility. I then explained the follow-up process that would take place once I finished the report. I explained they would receive a copy of the report as would a case officer. I told them the case officer would review the report to determine if any of my areas of concern documented violations.

SECTION VI – SAMPLING ACTIVITIES AND ANALYTICAL RESULTS - No sampling was conducted.**SECTION VII – LIST OF APPENDICES**

1. Photo Log

APPENDIX 1: PHOTO LOG



[Title]			IMG-2023072409481348132659675.jpg
07/24/2023 09:48 AM (AKT)	No CBI	No PII	Photographer: Jon Jones
Walmart Supercenter/Jewelry Department			61.13993527, -149.86890647
View of a box containing waste lithium "Button Style" batteries, shown here not labeled with either the phrase "Universal Waste - Batteries," "Waste Batteries," or "Used Batteries." View also shows that the waste batteries have been in accumulation for greater than 1 year, as the box is seen here dated 7/10/2022.			



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07/24/2023 09:48 AM (AKT)	No CBI	No PII	Photographer: Jon Jones
Walmart Supercenter/Jewelry Department			61.13996563, -149.86888438
Another view of a box containing waste lithium "Button Style" batteries, shown here not labeled with either the phrase "Universal Waste - Batteries," "Waste Batteries," or "Used Batteries."			



[Title]			IMG-2023072409482748272737389.jpg
07/24/2023 09:48 AM (AKT)	No CBI	No PII	Photographer: Jon Jones
Walmart Supercenter/Jewelry Department			61.13992325, -149.86889064
Another view of a box containing waste lithium "Button Style" batteries, shown here not labeled with either the phrase "Universal Waste - Batteries," "Waste Batteries," or "Used Batteries." View also shows that the waste batteries have been in accumulation for greater than 1 year, as the box is seen here dated 7/10/2022.			



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07/24/2023 09:48 AM (AKT)	No CBI	No PII	Photographer: Jon Jones
Walmart Supercenter/Jewelry Department			61.13995723, -149.86892905
Another view of a box containing waste lithium "Button Style" batteries, shown here not labeled with either the phrase "Universal Waste - Batteries," "Waste Batteries," or "Used Batteries."			